

..... Invasives Team Update



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Porcelain Berry Closeup



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Porcelain Berry Infestation



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Black Swallow-wort Seed Pod



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Black Swallow-wort Flower

Newton Conservators' Invasives Team conducts invasive plant removal sessions year-round, in many of Newton's parks and conservation areas. The City of Newton and the state (Department of Conservation and Recreation) support us administratively and with debris removal.

Invasive non-native plants take over large areas quickly, displacing native species and disrupting food chains of plants, insects, birds, and other animals, harming biodiversity. Human activity caused this problem, and our intervention is needed to prevent the invasives from taking over. Our efforts make room for threatened native species, and we also add new native plantings in selected areas.

You can join our sessions or just learn to identify the plants in your own yard and favorite areas. Newton Conservators' website on invasive plants includes photos and tips for identification and management: <https://newtonconservators.org/invasive-plants/>

Our sessions will be published as Events on the website. One definite date is NewtonSERVES on Sunday, May 4, when we will have at least three sessions, removing garlic mustard, which is easy and fun. If you would like to receive notices and updates about our plans, please email volunteers@newtonconservators.org. There is no obligation, and you can come to as many or as few of the sessions as you like.

Thank you! ♦

🌿 Katherine Howard



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