



SOUTH LONDON BOTANICAL INSTITUTE: INVASIVE SPECIES POLICY

As the owner of a botanical garden and an organisation which holds regular plant sales, the South London Botanical Institute has a duty to ensure that it is not responsible for the dispersal of invasive plant species. Many of the plants which we sell are donated by members and supporters; we have a duty to ensure that we do not accept species which are known to be invasive.

Therefore the Institute ensures that species listed in Schedule 9 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act are not sold or otherwise disposed of.

Taxa which are of greater concern to the Institute are:

Allium triquetrum, three-cornered garlic.

Hyacinthoides hispanica, Spanish bluebell.

Impatiens glandulifera, Himalayan balsam.

Lamium galeobdolon ssp. *argentatum*, an invasive subspecies of yellow archangel.

Various aquatic species, including *Hydrocotyle ranunculoides*, floating pennywort.

The Institute recommends that people who buy or otherwise receive plants to cultivate them only in gardens, and not plant them in natural or semi-natural habitats.

Although it is not known to be invasive, the Institute will ensure that it does not propagate or sell *Toxicodendron radicans*, poison ivy, which is cultivated in its 'Poisonous Plant' bed, and can cause severe dermatitis when handled.

Updates on the situation regarding invasive plants in the London area can found on:

<http://www.londonisi.org.uk/>

<http://www.nonnativespecies.org/home/index.cfm>

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