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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Agricultural Resources, under its authority pursuant to M.G.L. c. 128, §27 which requires the Commissioner of MDAR to hold a public hearing when prohibiting the delivery within the commonwealth nursery stock, fruits, plants, and parts thereof from outside the commonwealth, will hold a public hearing to propose restricting the import, sale or propagation of the following plants plants:

- *Alnus glutinosa* (Black Alder), designated as Invasive
- *Miscanthus sinensis* (Chinese Silvergrass, Eulalia), designated as Invasive
- *Rhodotypos scandens* (Jetbead; White Kerria; Jetberry bush; Black Jetbead), designated as Likely Invasive

One public hearing will be held on the following date and time:

Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 10:00 am

Topic: Additions to Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87625972166?pwd=f7YnnjFkpuEgPnAlBajExNYqt2qtet.1>

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Testimony may be presented orally at the virtual hearing or in writing. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. on Friday, October 3, 2025. Written testimony can be submitted by e-mail to taryn.lascola@mass.gov, or by mail to Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, 225 Turnpike Road, Southborough MA 01772 Attn: Taryn LaScola.

A summary of the evaluation for each species is available here:

- [*Alnus glutinosa*](#)
- [*Miscanthus sinensis* and *Rhodotypos scandens*](#)

This information may also be obtained by contacting Taryn LaScola (taryn.lascola@mass.gov or (617) 626-1776). For special accommodations for this event, or to obtain this information in an alternative format, contact the ADA coordinator, Gabriella Knight, at (857) 268-0629.