

# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS



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**TO:** Massachusetts Invasive Plant Advisory Group ("MIPAG")

**FROM:** Ashley Randle, Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources

**REGARDING:** The request to add the following plants onto the Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List:

*Alnus glutinosa* (Black Alder), designated as Invasive

*Miscanthus sinensis* (Chinese Silvergrass, Eulalia, Maiden Grass), designated as Invasive

*Rhodotypos scandens* (Jetbead; White Kerria; Jetberry bush; Black Jetbead), designated as Likely Invasive

**DATE:** December 8, 2025

On October 1, 2025, the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources ("Department") held a public hearing regarding the addition of the above-listed plants to the Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List ("List"). The Department also received written comments prior and up to 5:00 pm on October 3, 2025. The written comments provided to the Department were in support of listing the above listed species. After reviewing the scientific information provided by MIPAG in its request and reviewing the comments, the Department has made the determination that all of the above listed species pose a threat to land in Massachusetts, and therefore approves the MIPAG request to add the species to the Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List.

Agents/Growers will no longer be able to receive new stock, or begin growing new stock, but may sell any existing stock during the phase-out period listed below:

*Alnus glutinosa* (Black Alder): December 8, 2025 through December 31, 2028

*Miscanthus sinensis* (Chinese Silvergrass, Eulalia, Maiden Grass): December 8, 2025 through December 31, 2026

*Rhodotypos scandens* (Jetbead; White Kerria; Jetberry bush; Black Jetbead): December 8, 2025 through December 31, 2027

MDAR will work to ensure that nursery Agents/Growers are aware of the addition to the list and the phase-out period. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Taryn LaScola, Director of the Division of Crop and Pest Services at [taryn.lascola@mass.gov](mailto:taryn.lascola@mass.gov).

The Department recognizes the importance of the control and prevention of invasive species as well as the associated impacts that a prohibition of a plant may have. The Department values the ongoing work and information provided by the MIPAG.