

## Non-native plant species subject to trade restrictions in the UK



- Retained Regulations: [The Invasive Alien Species \(Enforcement and Permitting\) Order 2019 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)
- Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: [The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 \(Prohibition on Sale etc. of Invasive Non-native Plants\) \(England\) Order 2014 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

After the UK left the EU it retained EU regulations [[EU Regulation \(1143/2014\)](#)] regarding species of Union concern; renaming the list as “species of special concern” under [The Invasive Alien Species \(Enforcement and Permitting\) Order 2019 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#), herein referred to as the Retained Regulations. These Retained Regulations restrict listed species from being imported, sold, kept, bred, exchanged, grown/cultivated or released in Great Britain. Permits can be issued for species use in ex-situ conservation or scientific research.

[The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 \(Prohibition on Sale etc. of Invasive Non-native Plants\) \(England\) Order 2014 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#) restricts the trade in plant species and covers some species not present in the Retained Regulations. To avoid duplication some species were removed from the 2014 Order as they were already covered by the Retained Regulations (those species being *Myriophyllum aquaticum*, *Hydrocotyl ranunculoides*, *Ludwigia grandiflora* and *Ludwigia peploides*).

Updates to the EU list of species of Union concern do not automatically feed into UK legislation. This may be noteworthy as the EU added *Pistia stratiotes* (water lettuce) to the list of species of Union concern (12<sup>th</sup> July 2022) and trade restrictions will apply from 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 across the EU.



\*Aquatic species highlighted in blue

Scientific name	Common name	Legislation
<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>	Alligator weed	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Azolla filiculoides</i>	<b>Water fern/ Fairy fern</b>	<b>Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981</b>
<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	Fanwort	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Crassula helmsii</i> (formerly <i>Tillaea aquatica</i> , <i>T. recurva</i> )	<b>New Zealand Pigmyweed</b>	<b>Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981</b>
<i>Elodea nuttallii</i>	Nuttall's waterweed	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Gunnera tinctoria</i>	Chilean rhubarb	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Gymnocoronis spilanthoides</i>	Senegal tea plant	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Hydrocotyle ranunculoides</i>	Floating pennywort	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Lagarosiphon major</i>	Curly waterweed	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Ludwigia grandiflora</i> *	Water-primrose	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>	Floating primrose-willow	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Ludwigia uruguayensis</i>	<b>Water-primrose</b>	<b>Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981</b>
<i>Lysichiton americanus</i>	American skunk cabbage	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	Parrot's feather	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>	Broadleaf watermilfoil	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Pontederia crassipes</i> (formerly <i>Eichhornia crassipes</i> )	Water hyacinth	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Salvinia molesta</i>	Salvinia moss	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Acacia saligna</i>	Golden wreath wattle	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree of Heaven	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	Broomsedge bluestem	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Common milkweed	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>	Eastern baccharis	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Cardiospermum grandiflorum</i>	Balloon vine	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>	Purple pampas grass	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Ehrharta calycina</i>	Perennial veldt grass	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	Giant hogweed	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Heracleum persicum</i>	Persian hogweed	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Heracleum sosnowskyi</i>	Sosnowsky's hogweed	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Humulus scandens</i>	Japanese hop	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>	Himalayan balsam	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Lespedeza cuneata</i>	Chinese bushclover	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Lygodium japonicum</i>	Vine-like fern	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>	Japanese stiltgrass	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	Whitetop weed	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>	Crimson fountaingrass	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Persicaria perfoliata</i>	Asiatic tearthumb	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Prosopis juliflora</i>	Mesquite	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Pueraria lobata</i>	Kudzu vine	Retained Regulations (from EU)
<i>Triadica sebifera</i>	Chinese tallow	Retained Regulations (from EU)