



## Invasive Species and iMapInvasives

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**INVASIVE SPECIES  
MANAGEMENT**  
CATSKILLS



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# Meeting Agenda

- 9:00 - 10:00 Intro to Invasive Species & CRISP
- 10:00 - 10:10 Break
- 10:10 - 11:00 iMapInvasives
- 11:00 - 11:10 Breakout Groups (5 Groups of 8 w/ designated recorder for each group)
- 11:10 - 11:25 Groups report back w/ highlights of discussion)
- 11:25 - 11:30 Wrap Up

# What Is an Invasive Species?

- Not native to the ecosystem
- Causes harm to the economy, human health, or the environment
- Defined by New York State Environmental Conservation Law Title 17, Article 9, 2008



Asian Longhorned Beetle



Northern Snakehead

# Invasive Species Are a Threat

Invasive species are one of the greatest threats to New York's biodiversity and threaten many aspects of our human well-being

## **Because invasive species contribute to:**

- ❑ Habitat degradation and loss
- ❑ Decreased water quality
- ❑ The loss of native fish, wildlife and plants
- ❑ The loss of recreational opportunities and tourism income
- ❑ Crop and forest damage



# Biological Characteristics of Invasive Species

- Fast growth
- Rapid reproduction
- High germination rate
- Phenotypic plasticity
- Environmental generalists



Winter



Spring



Mid-Summer



Early Fall

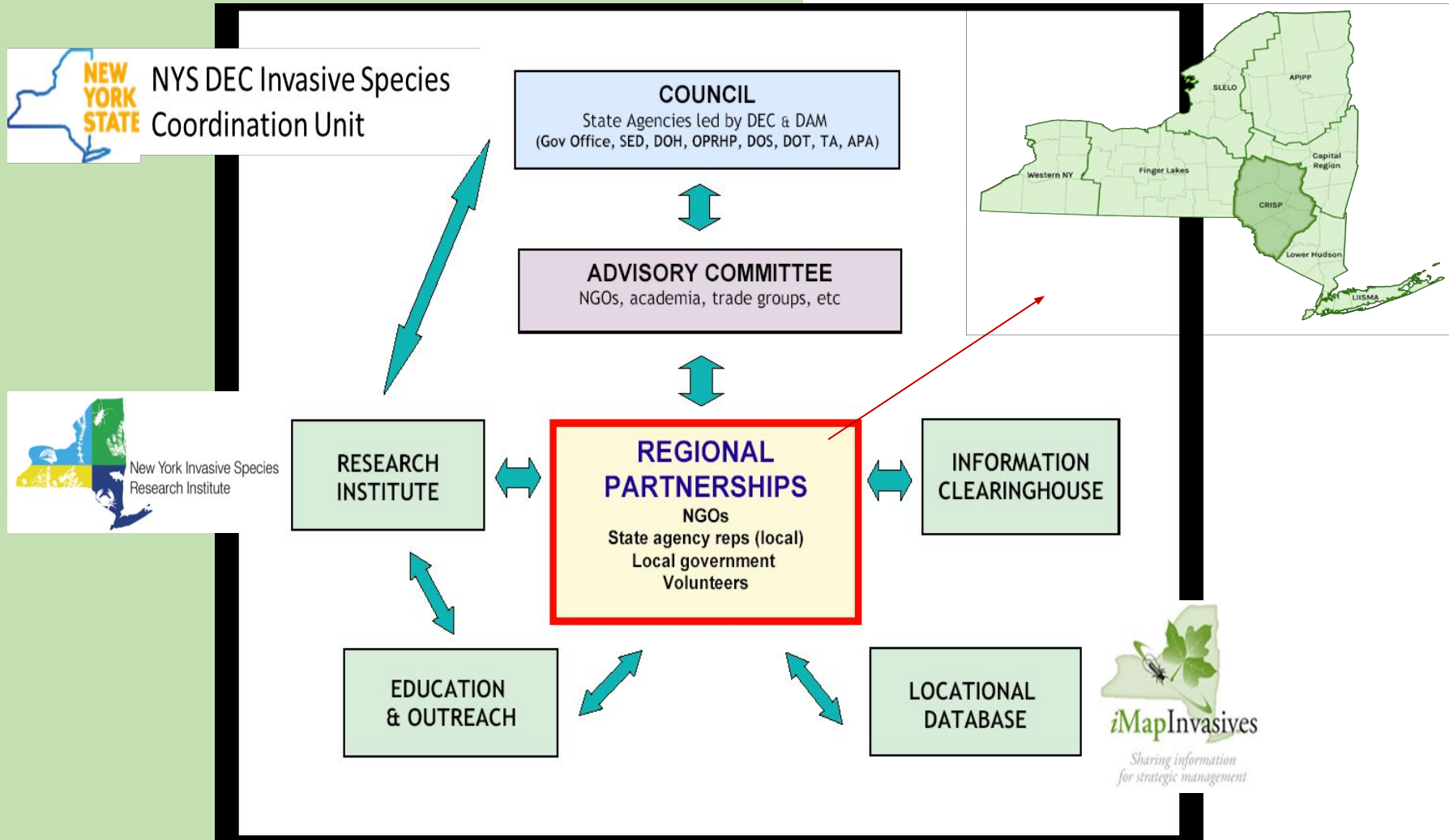
# Water Chestnut

*Trapa natans*

- ▶ Forms dense mats
- ▶ Dense mats shade out aquatic plants
- ▶ Decomposition of mats reduces dissolved oxygen levels and may kill fish
- ▶ Fruits have sharp spines with barbs



# NYS Strategic Invasive Species Network





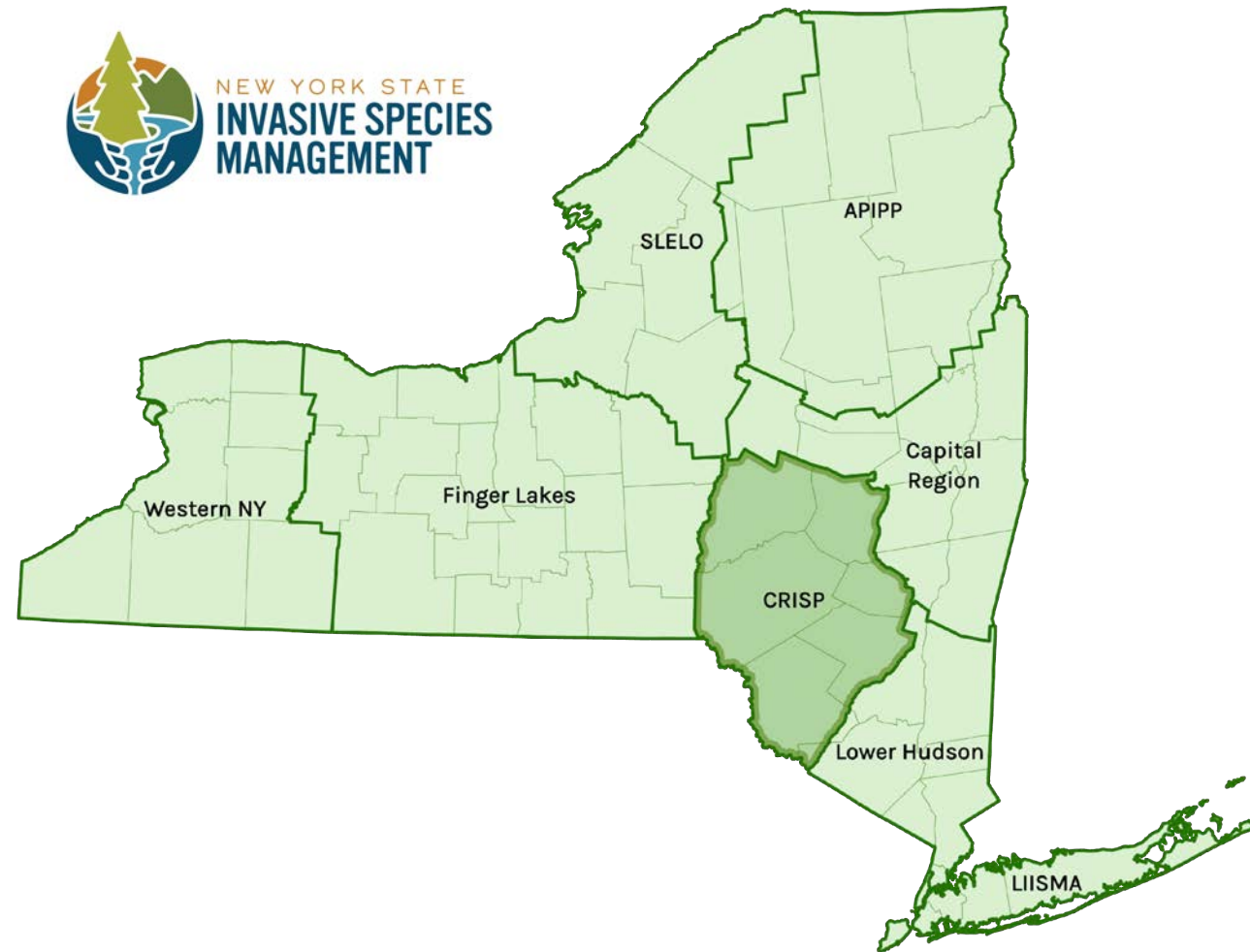
# INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

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Promote education,  
prevention, early detection  
and control of invasive  
species to limit their impact  
on the ecosystems and  
economies of the Catskills



## NEW YORK STATE INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT





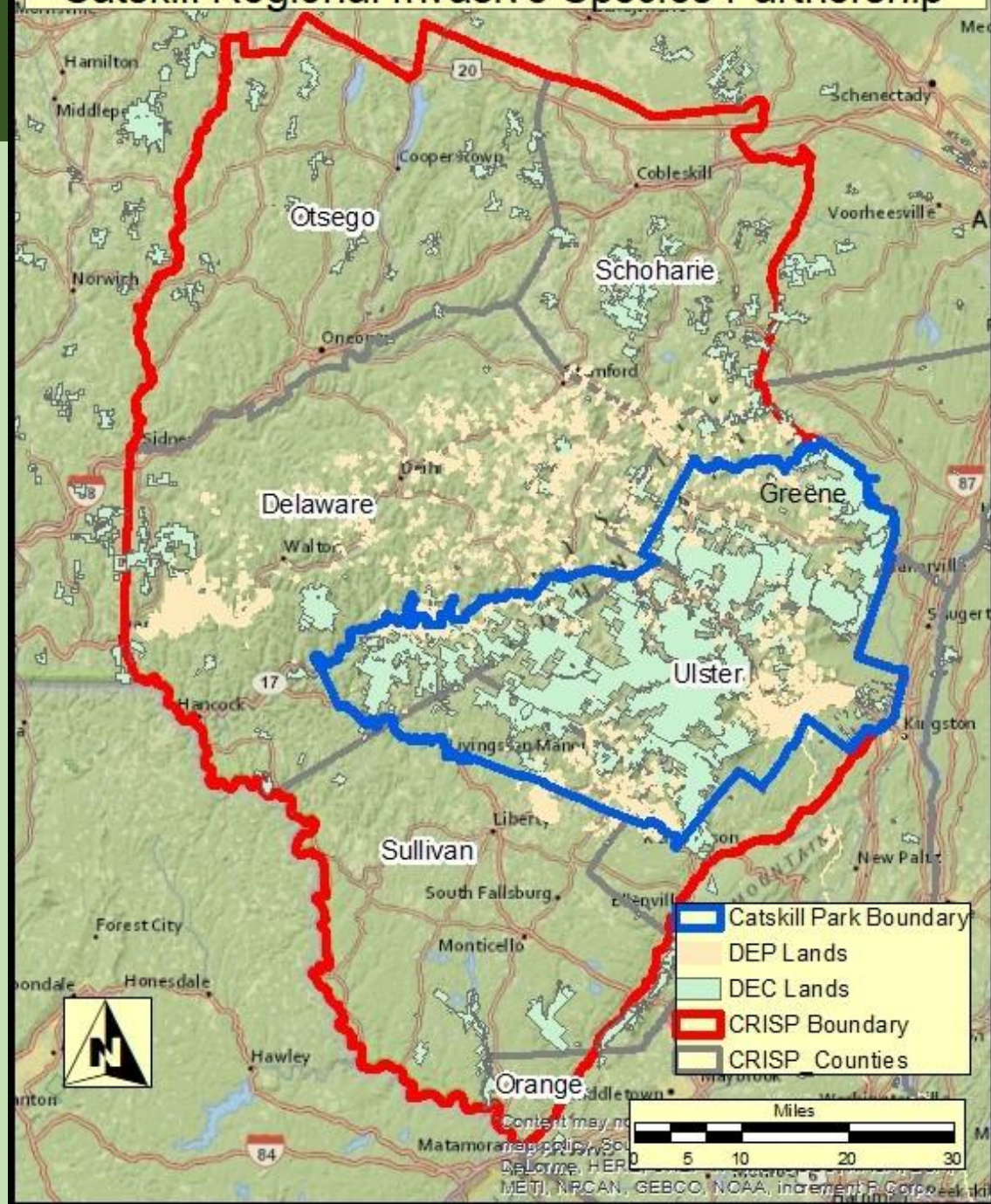
# CRISP Region

- Otsego
- Schoharie
- Delaware
- Greene
- Ulster
- Sullivan &
- Orange

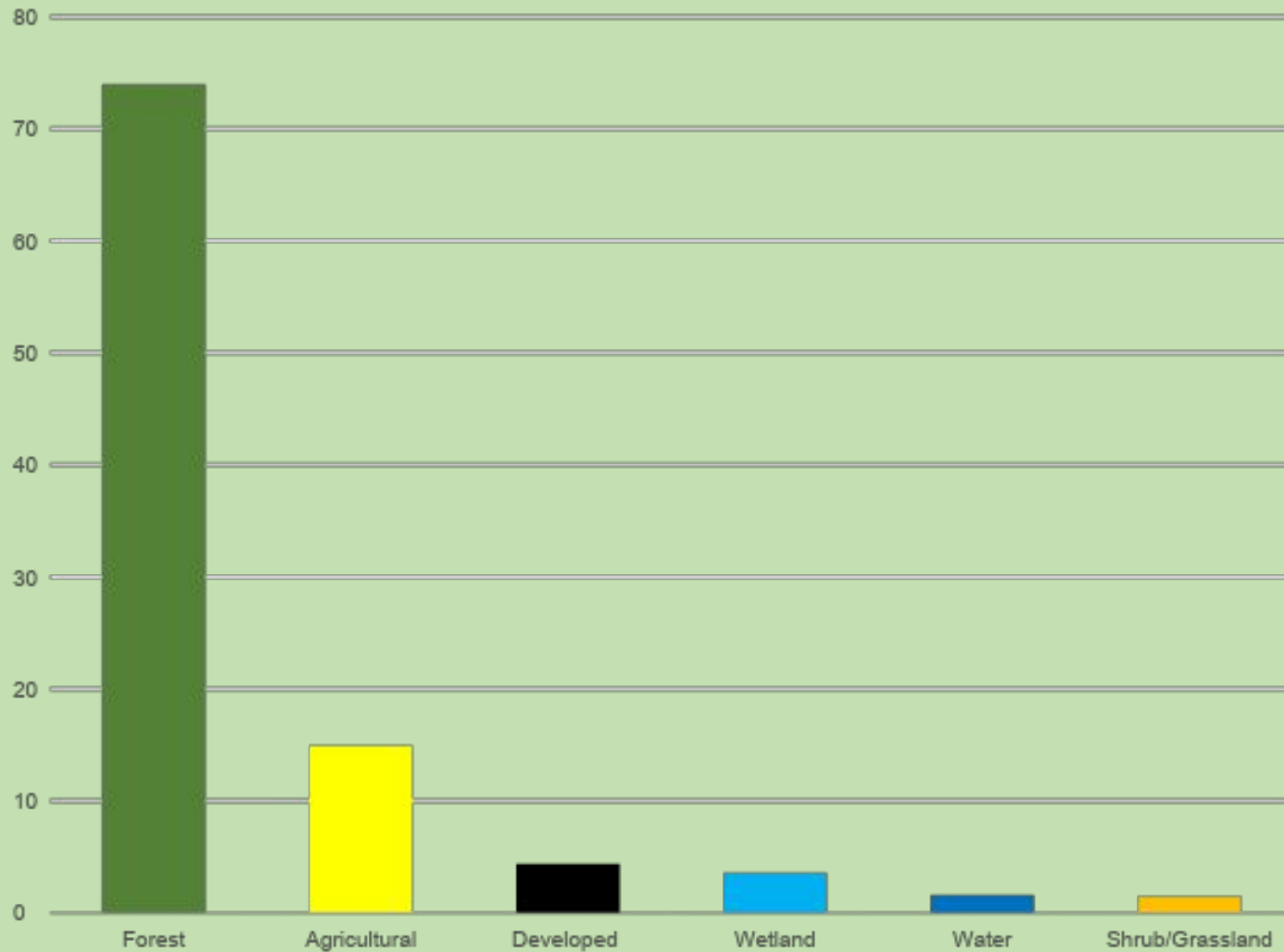
## Major Landowners

- NYS DEC 406,874 ac.
- NYC DEP 154,720 ac.

## Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership



# Landcover of CRISP Region

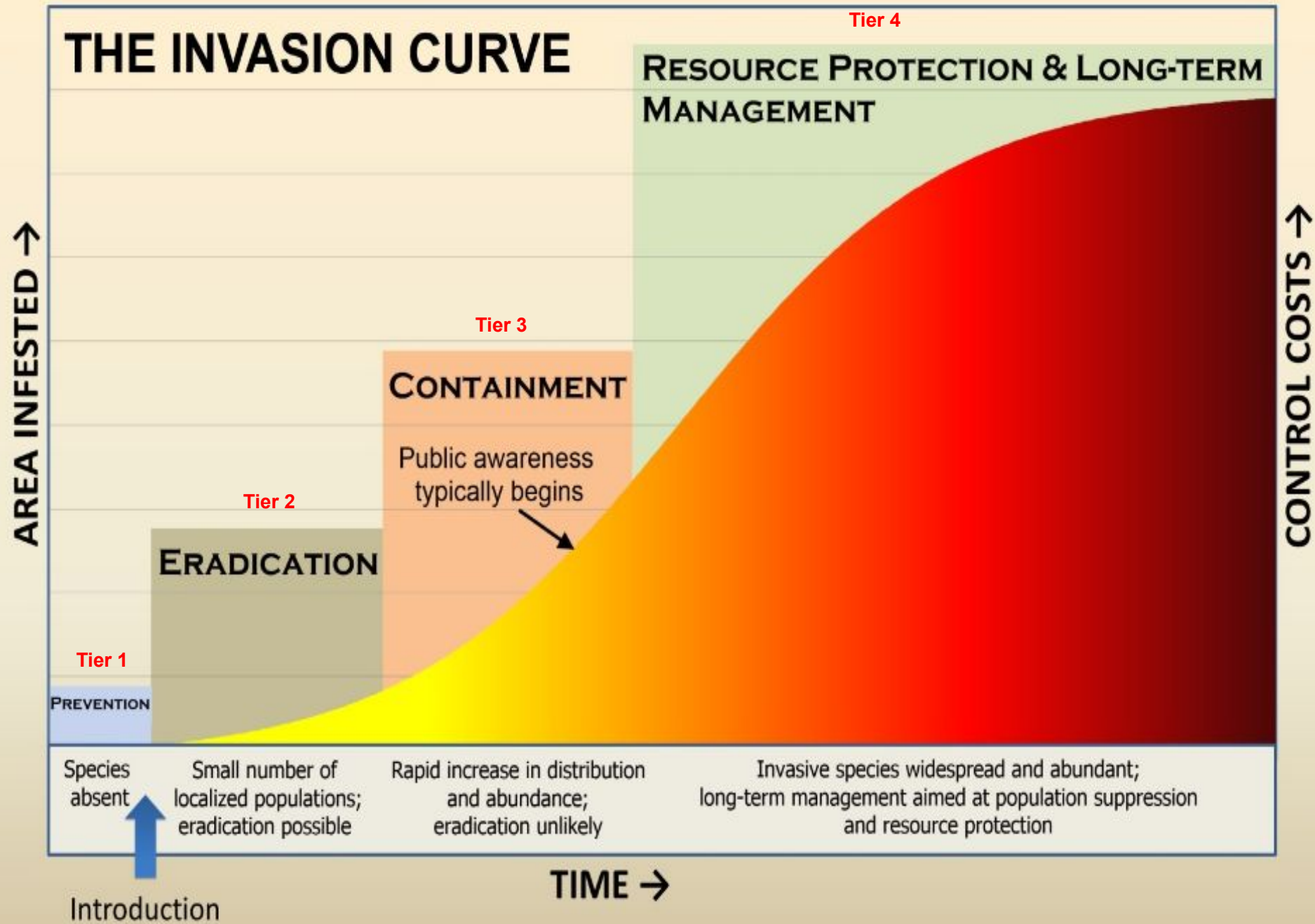


# CRISP Supports 78 NYS Rare Species

Species Group	# Species
Non-vascular Plants	5
Vascular Plants	27
Insects	18
Freshwater Mussels	6
Fish	6
Amphibians	2
Reptiles	1
Birds	10
Bats	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>



# THE INVASION CURVE



# 2022 Results (so far)

## Surveys and Treatments

- Nearly 4,000 ac. of waterbodies and uplands
- 400 ac. treated

## Education & Outreach

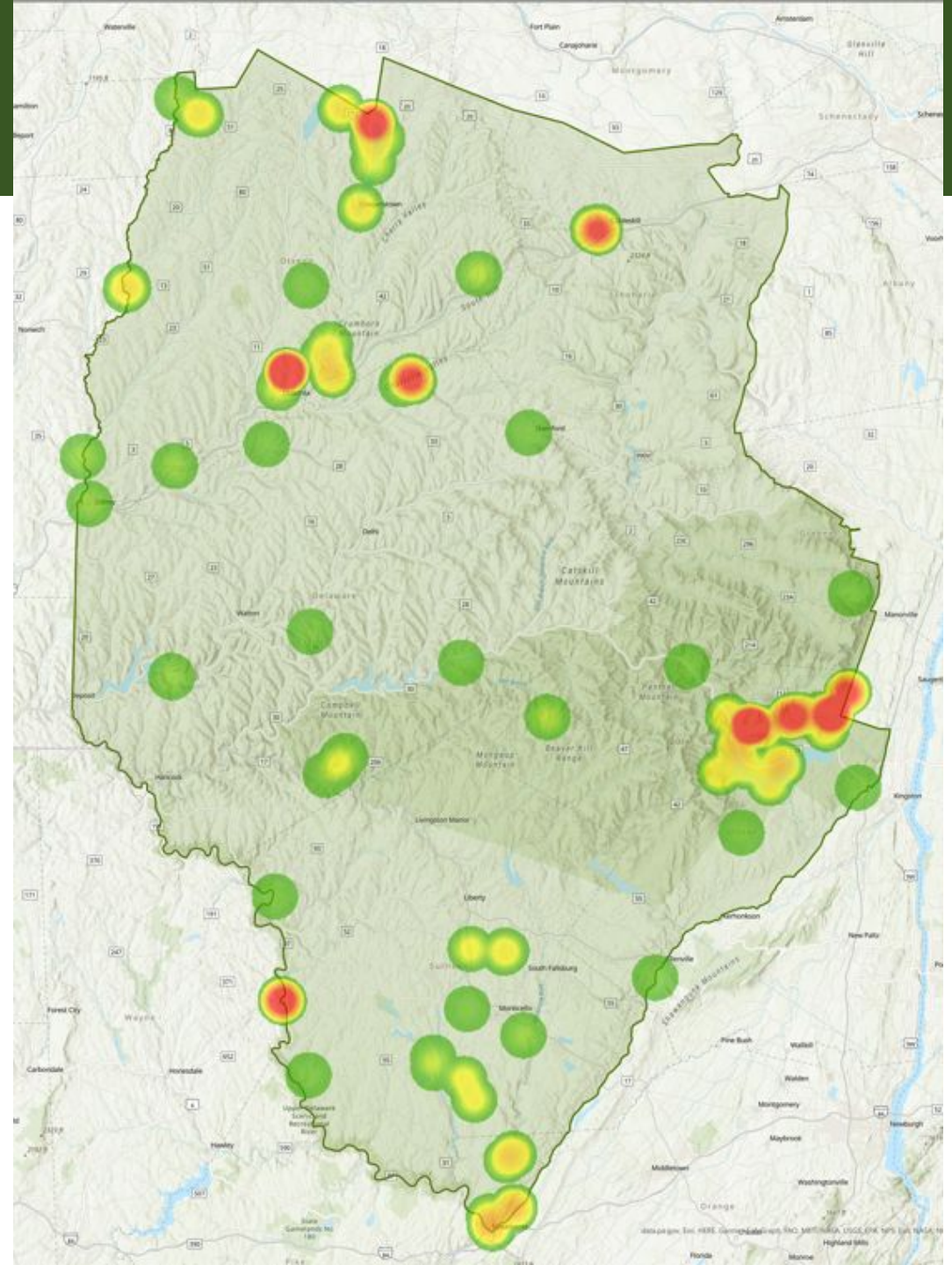
- 43 programs for 1018 people



# CRISP Tier 2 Aquatic Species

## Aquatic Species

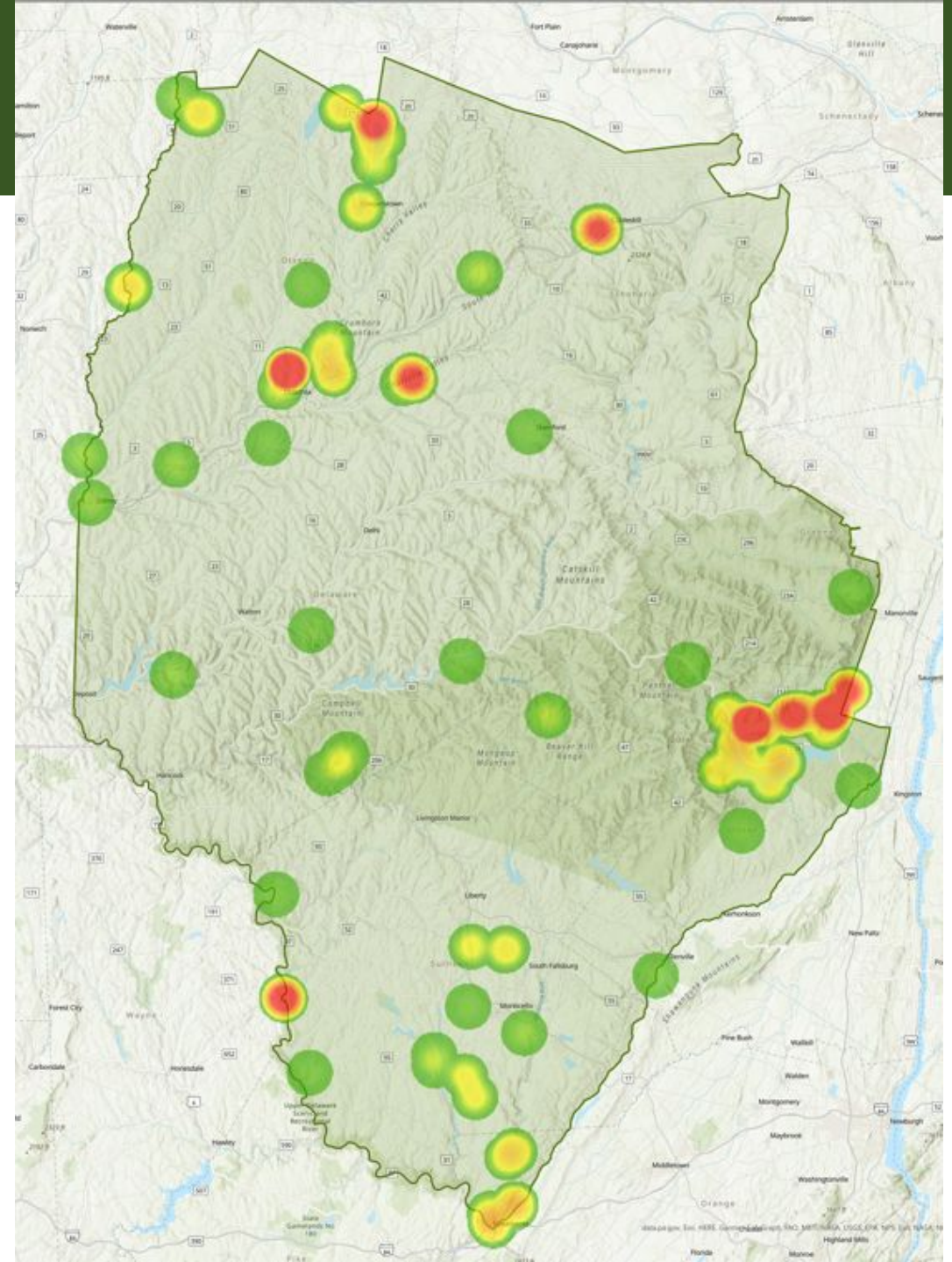
- European Frogbit (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*)
- Yellow Floatingheart (*Nymphoides peltate*)
- Fanwort (*Cabomba caroliana*)
- Quagga Mussel (*Dreissena bugensis*)
- Banded Mystery Snail (*Viviparus georgianus*)



# CRISP Tier 2 Terrestrial Species

## Terrestrial Species

- Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)
- Mile-a-Minute (*Persicaria perfoliata*)
- Japanese Angelica Tree (*Aralia elata*)
- Japanese Tree Lilac (*Syringa reticulata*)
- Japanese Hops (*Humulus japonicus*)
- Black Jetbead (*Rhodotypos scandens*)
- Beautybush (*Viviparus georgianus*)
- Hardy Kiwi (*Actinia arguta*)





## REPORT SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

send a photo to [spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov)

### CHECK YOUR VEHICLE

Search for all spotted lanternfly life stages



**Egg mass**  
Sept.-June



**Early nymph**  
April-July



**Late nymph**  
July-Sept.



**Adult**  
July-Dec.



# Spotted Lanternfly *Lycorma delicatula*

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Eggs												
Nymphs												
Adults												



Emilie Swackhammer, PSU



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**REPORT SPOTTED LANTERNFLY**  
send a photo to [ReportSLF.com](http://ReportSLF.com)



Photos: Egg Laying, Hatch and 1st Instar, 2nd Instar, Adults: Emelie Swackhamer, Penn State University, Bugwood.org; Eggs: Lawrence Barringer, PA Dept. of Agriculture, Bugwood.org; 3rd Instar: Dalton Ludwick, USDA-ARS/Virginia Tech; 4th Instar: Richard Gardner, Bugwood.org.

# Spotted Lanternfly Impacts

- Adult clustering, swarming and Honeydew accumulation can impact quality of life
- Honeydew promotes sooty-mold growth
- Adults in high populations can impact our quality of life

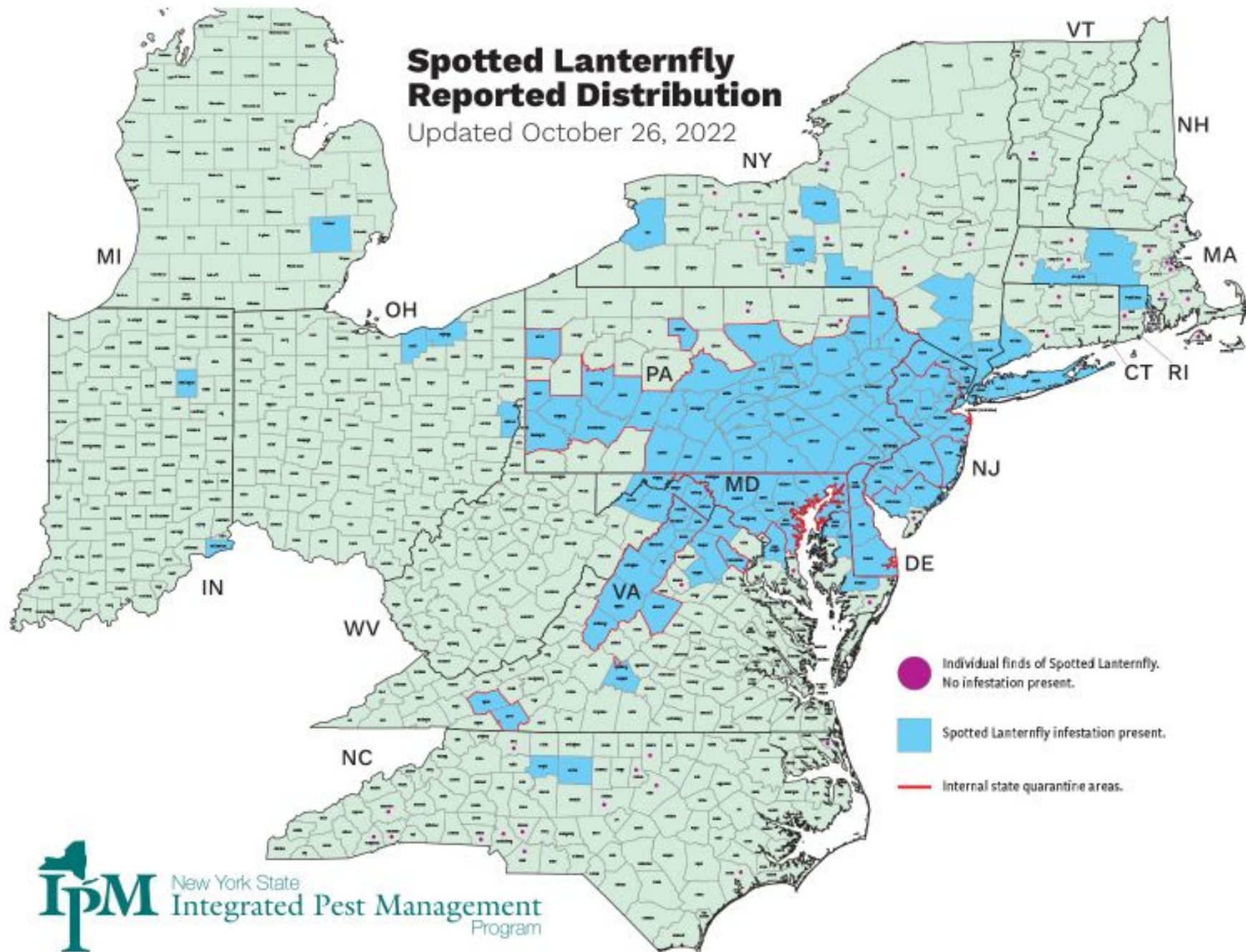


# Spotted Lanternfly Are Hitchhikers

- All life stages can hitchhike to new areas
- Eggs and Adults pose the greatest risk for movement

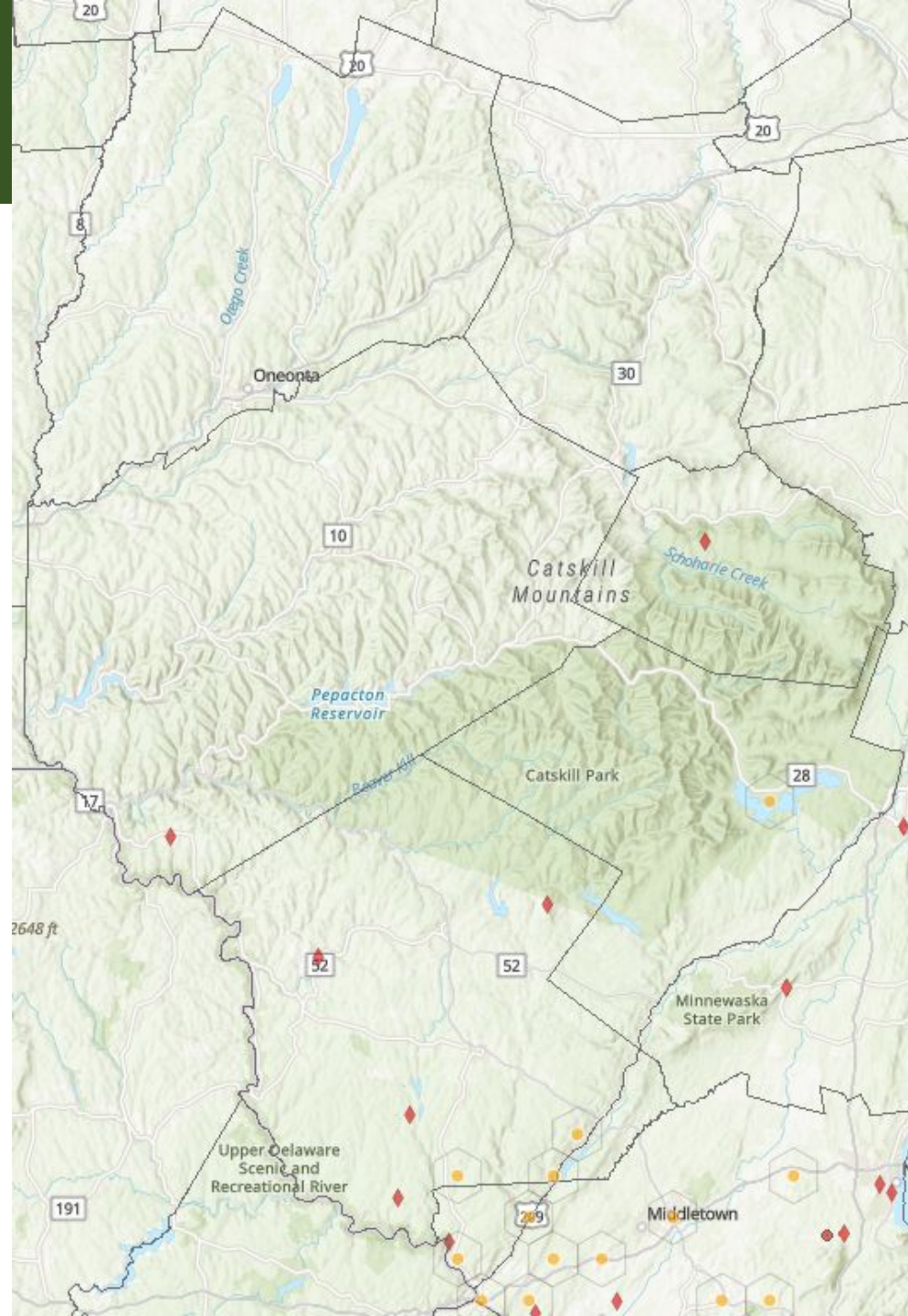


# Confirmed Spotted Lanternfly Locations



# Spotted Lanternfly in CRISP

- Established populations in Port Jervis area



## Spotted Lanternfly & Tree-of-heaven: *NY needs your help!*

Spotted lanternfly (SLF) is an invasive pest from Asia that feeds on a variety of plants including grapes, hops, and maple trees, posing a severe threat to NYS forests and agriculture ([more info](#)). SLF's preferred host plant, Tree-of-heaven (TOH), is already found in much of the state. SLF was first found in PA in 2014, and [several populations have since been found in NY](#). Agencies and conservation partners across the state are working to protect our state resources from these invasives, and we are requesting help from volunteers to complement these efforts.



Photo collage of Spotted Lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) and Tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)

### Volunteers needed:

New York State is seeking volunteers like **you** to look for SLF and TOH in your area. You can supplement NYS efforts to prevent negative impacts from invasive species by knowing what to look for and how to report observations to New York's official invasive species database, iMapInvasives.

Webinar Series: *Identifying & Reporting Spotted Lanternfly and Tree-of-heaven with NY iMapInvasives*

Watch our May 25th recording here:

[Play Webinar](#)

*Next webinar scheduled for the fall, more info coming soon*



### What does being a volunteer entail?

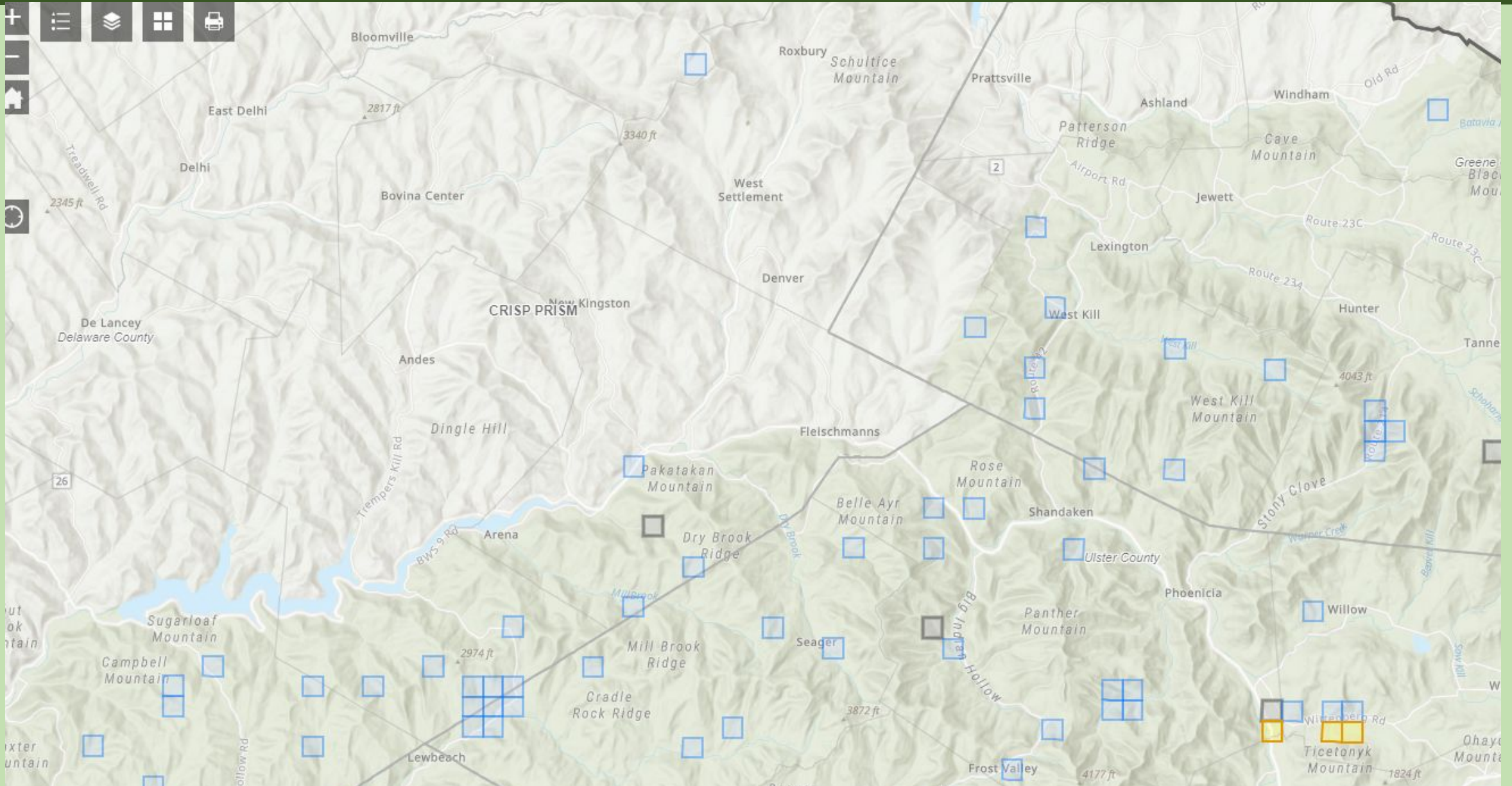
- Picking a location to go to and survey at least **three times** in 2022 (*once in Spring, Summer, and Fall*)
- Checking for spotted lanternfly and tree-of-heaven
- Reporting your observations to iMapInvasives

### More info below!

Conservation partners have identified 1km grid squares across the state where volunteer survey efforts would be most helpful. These may be close to known infestations, along major pathways, and/or near important commodities that could be harmed by SLF. Use the interactive map below to sign up for a grid square!

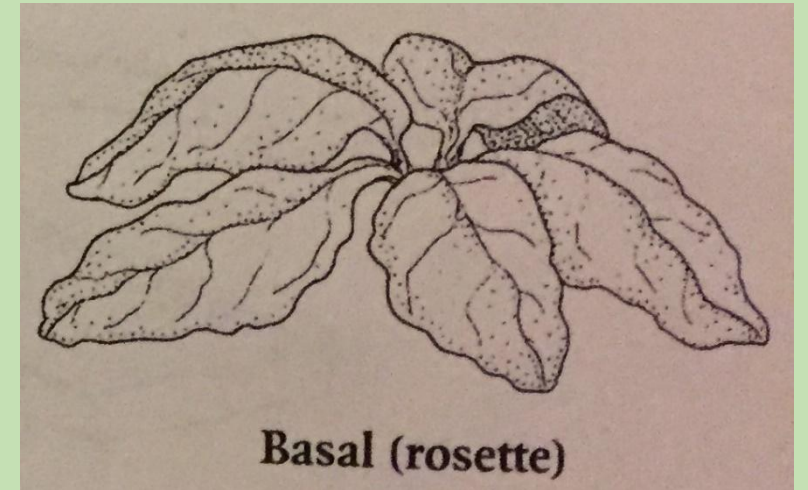
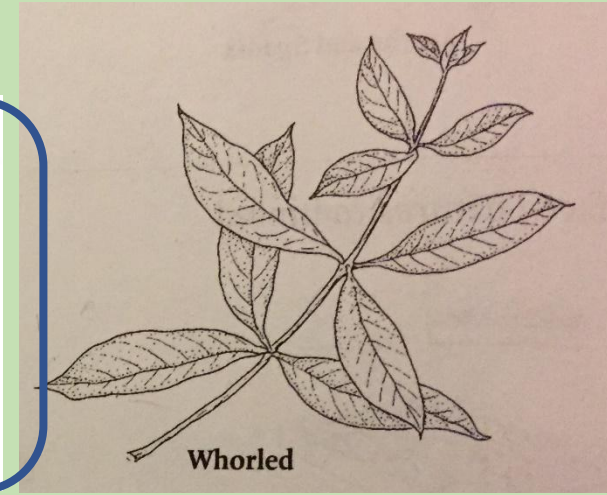
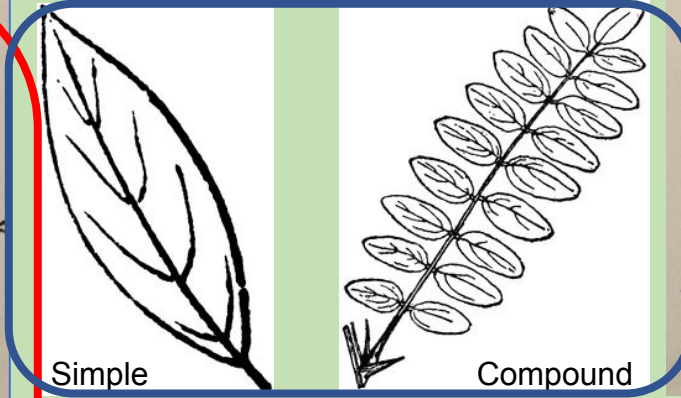
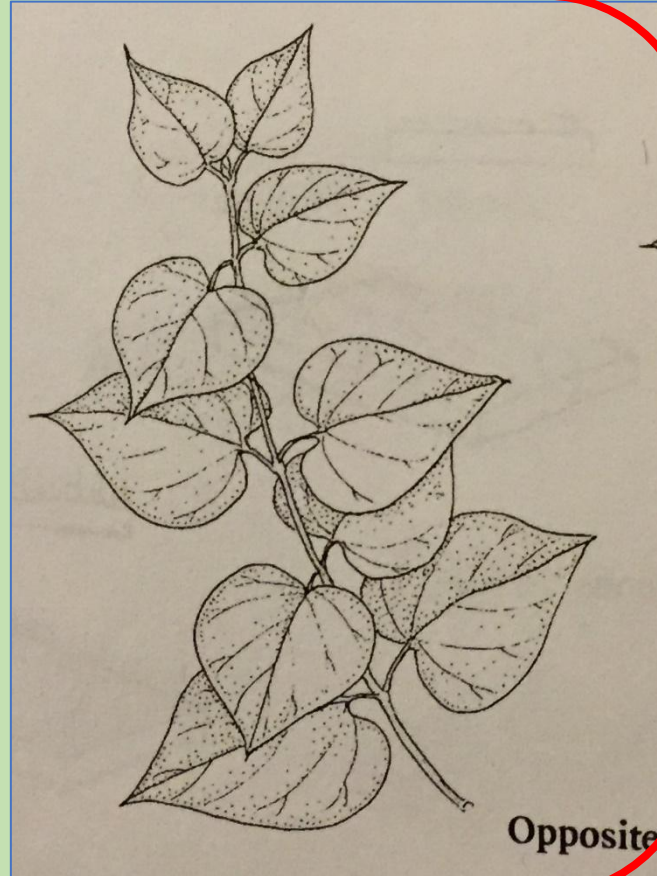
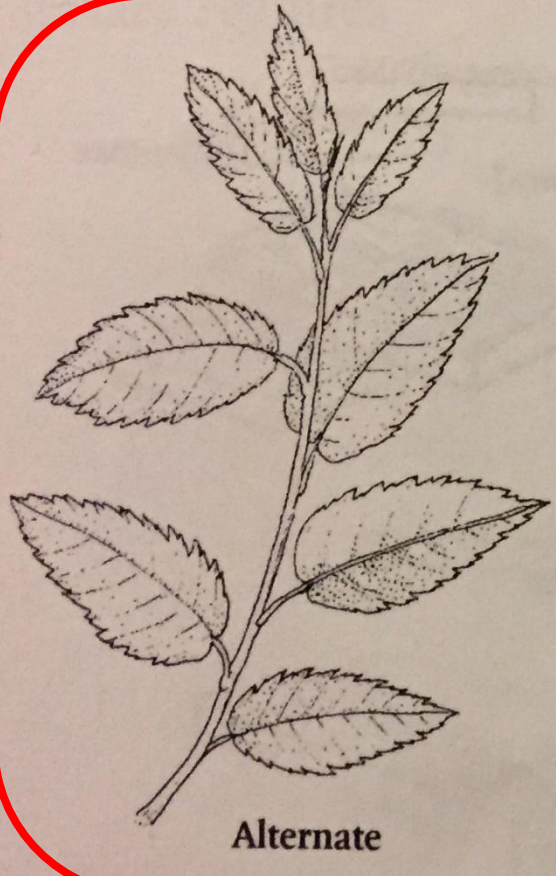
# Volunteers Needed to Adopt Survey Blocks

<https://www.nyimapinvasives.org/training>





# A Few Botanical Terms



# Tree of Heaven

*Ailanthus altissima*

- Native to China
- Introduced as an ornamental in 1784 in Philadelphia
- Grows up to 55 ft tall
- Has allelopathic effect on nearby vegetation



# Tree of Heaven identification

- ▶ Typically grows in thick clusters
- ▶ Large compound leaves, alternate
- ▶ 3 feet long with up to 40 leaflets
- ▶ Leaflets have small lobes at the base
- ▶ Crushed foliage has a strong acrid smell



Arieh Tal, New England Wildflower Society



Arthur Haines, New England Wildflower Society



# Lookalikes

- Staghorn sumac



Minnesota State University



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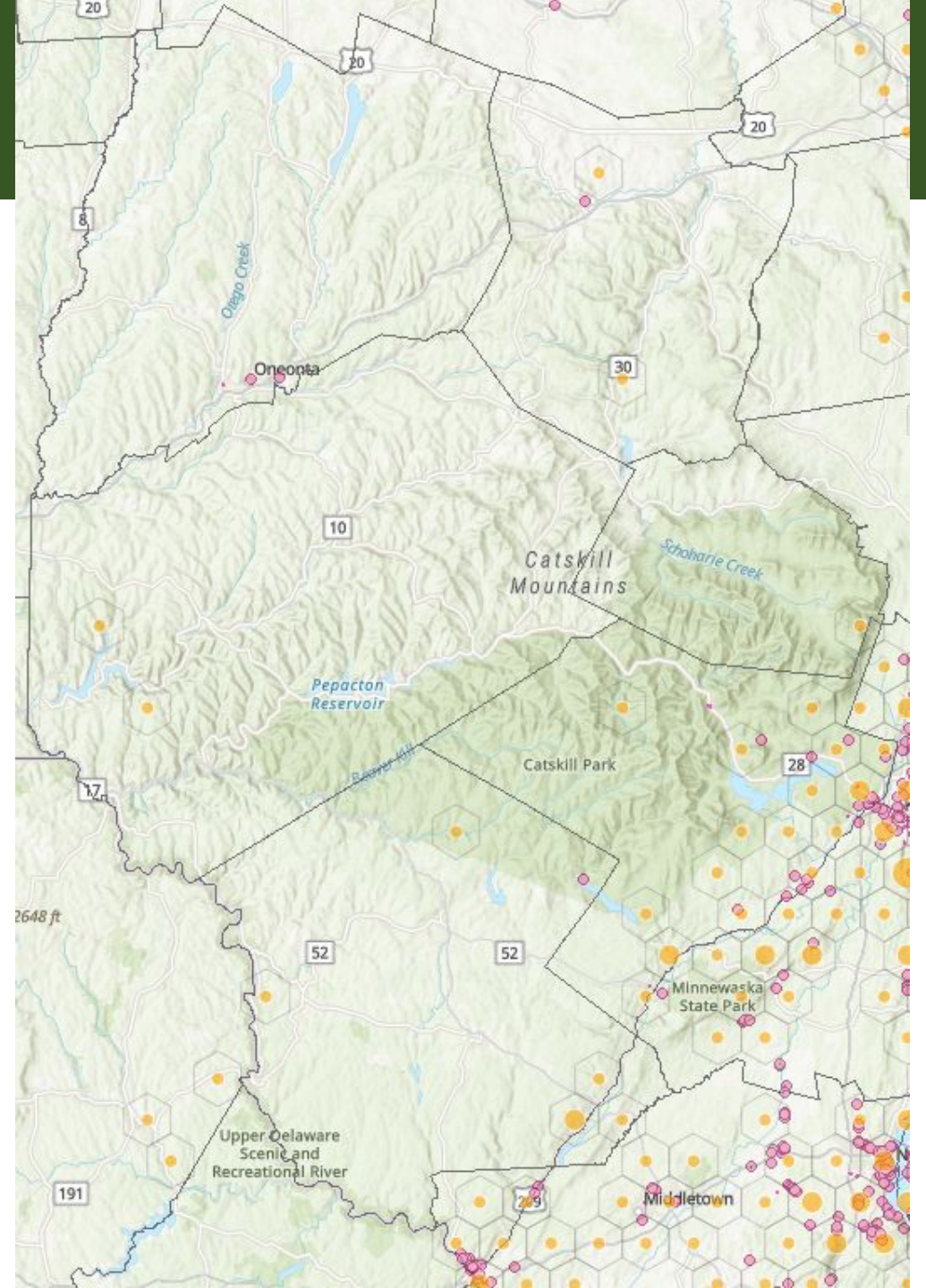
- Black walnut



Arthur Haines, New England Wildflower Society

# Tree-of-Heaven in CRISP

- Mostly along Route 209 from Port Jervis to Kingston
- Scattered Elsewhere
- Unconfirmed in Otsego County



# Beech Leaf Disease

*Litylenchus crenatae mccannii*

Carta, 2020

Beech leaf disease symptoms caused by nematode subspecies *Litylenchus crenatae mccannii* (Anguinata) described from *Fagus grandifolia* in North America

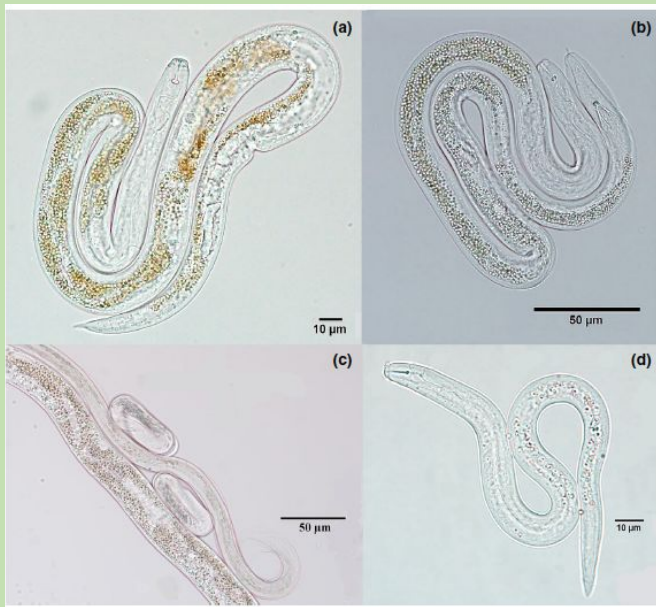
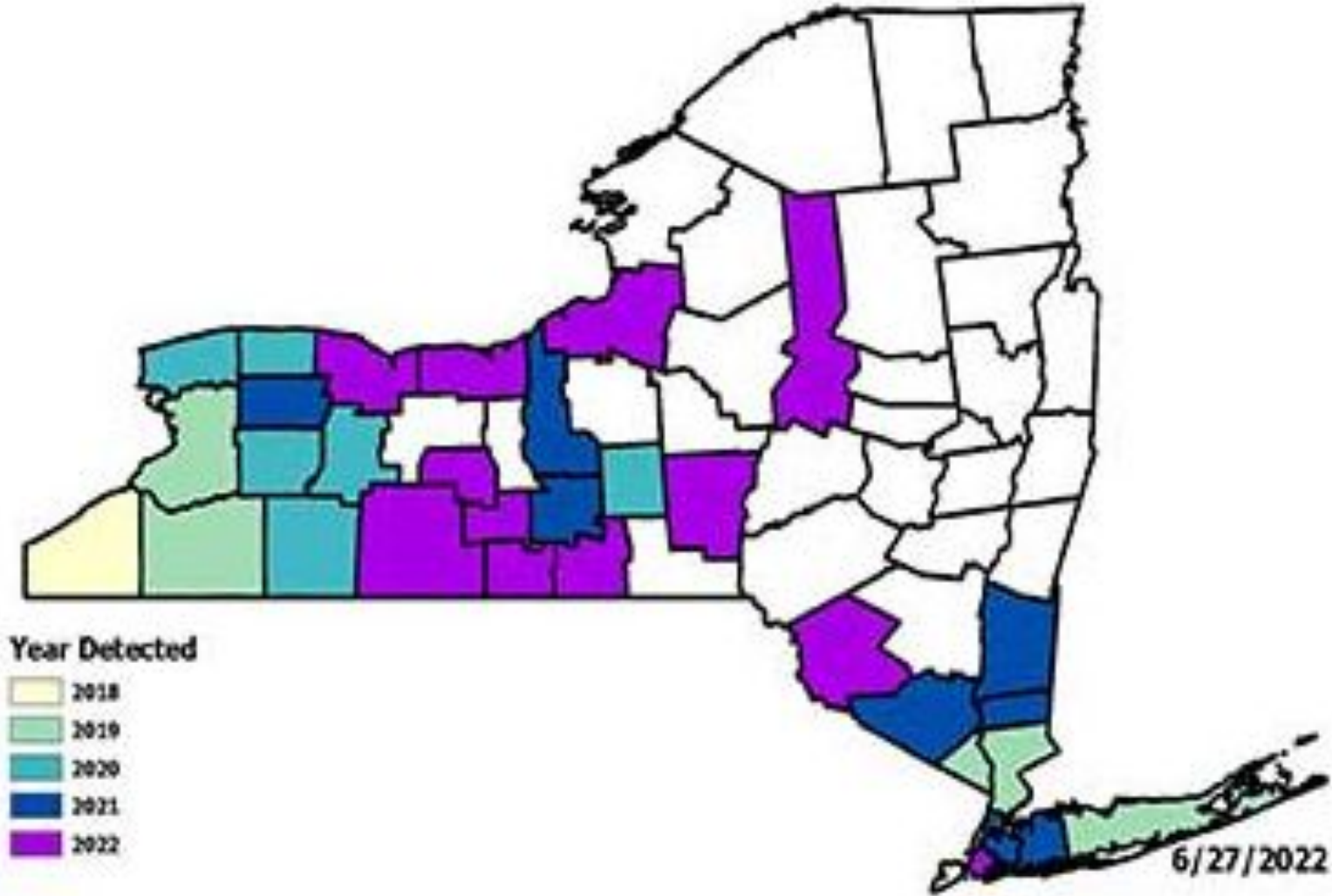


FIGURE 1 Leaf symptoms include darkened green bands, chlorosis and necrosis, Perry, OH Fall 2017 (a) American beech *Fagus grandifolia*; (b) European beech, *Fagus sylvatica* images of David McCann

Polarized light microscopy of live *Litylenchus crenatae mccannii*  
(a) female (b) male (c) eggs (d) juvenile

# Beech Leaf Disease Spread Since 2018



# Beech Leaf Disease Symptoms



Light Banding



Heavy  
Banding



Chlorosis  
Necrosis  
Puckering  
Curling



# Fall Beech Leaf Disease Symptoms



# Beech Leaf Disease Symptoms at Leaf Out

Lighter  
Severity



Light  
banding



Higher  
Severity



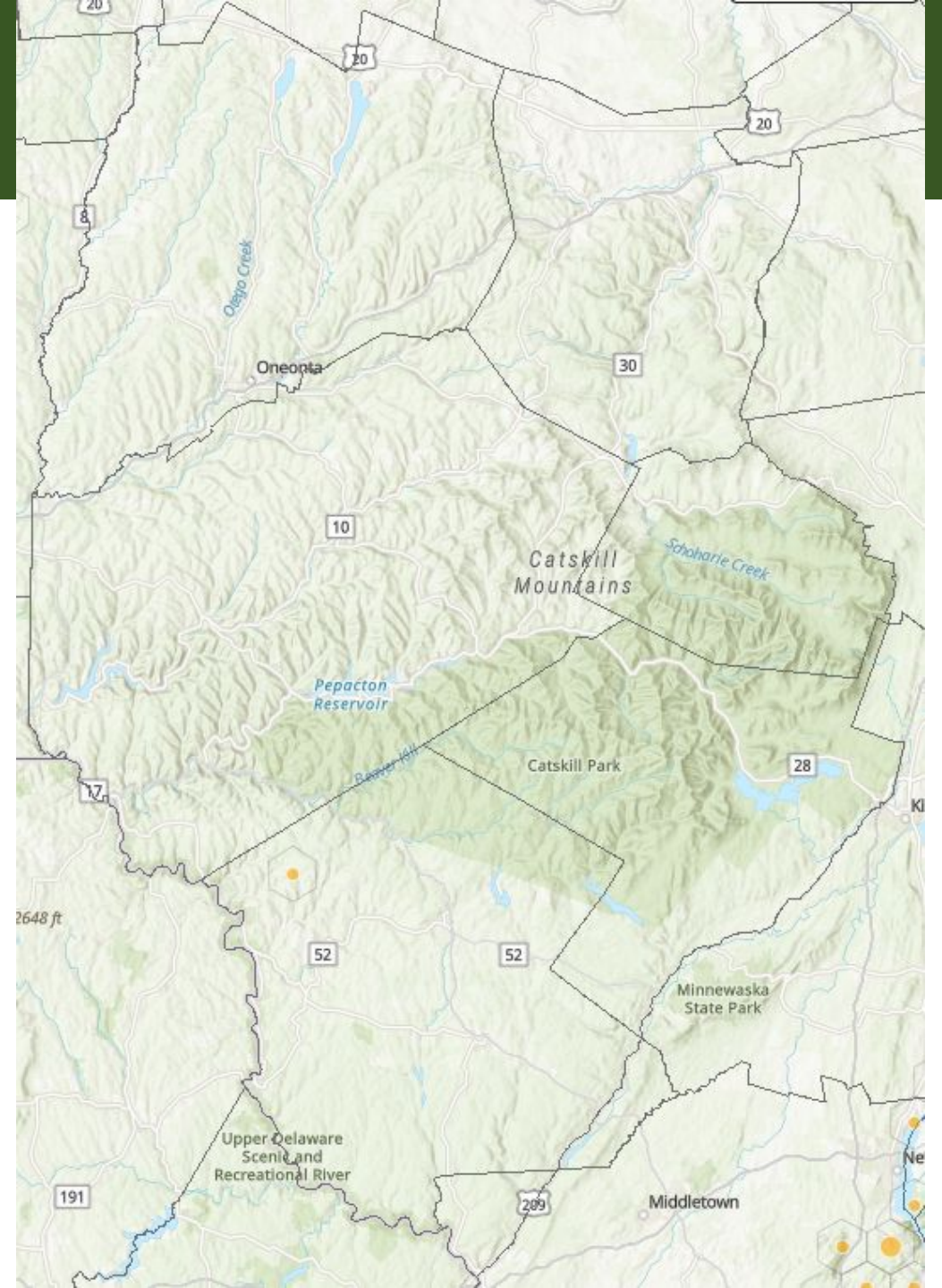
Necrosis and  
Curling

# Beech Leaf Disease in CRISP

Confirmed in Sullivan County:

□ Crystal Lake Wild Forest

□ Spring Glen



# When in Doubt, Please Report



- Location
- # of trees looked at # of trees showing symptoms
- Good clear photos

The best diagnostic photos show the banding from below

Report through **iMapInvasives** or email **foresthealth@dec.ny.gov**

**Negative data is  
good data!**

# Jumping Worm – Crazy Worm

- *Metaphire hilgendorfi*
- *Amyntas agrestic*
- *Amyntas tokioensis*



# Jumping Worm Impacts

- ❑ Consume leaf litter & organic matter
- ❑ Change the structure of the soil
- ❑ Alter nutrient cycling
- ❑ Change composition of understory



# Jumping Worm Look-Alike



Photo courtesy Wisconsin DNR

Egg capsule

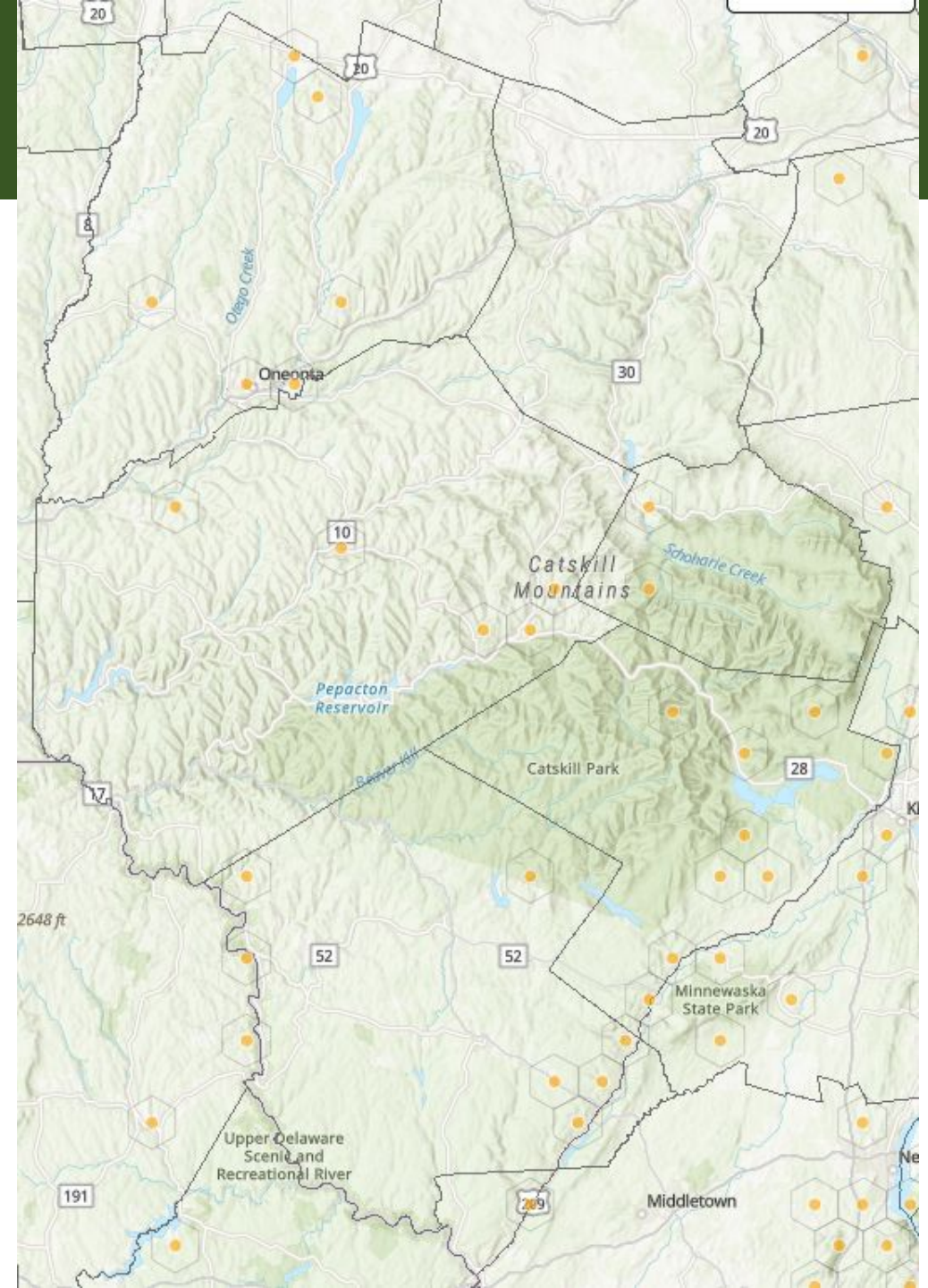


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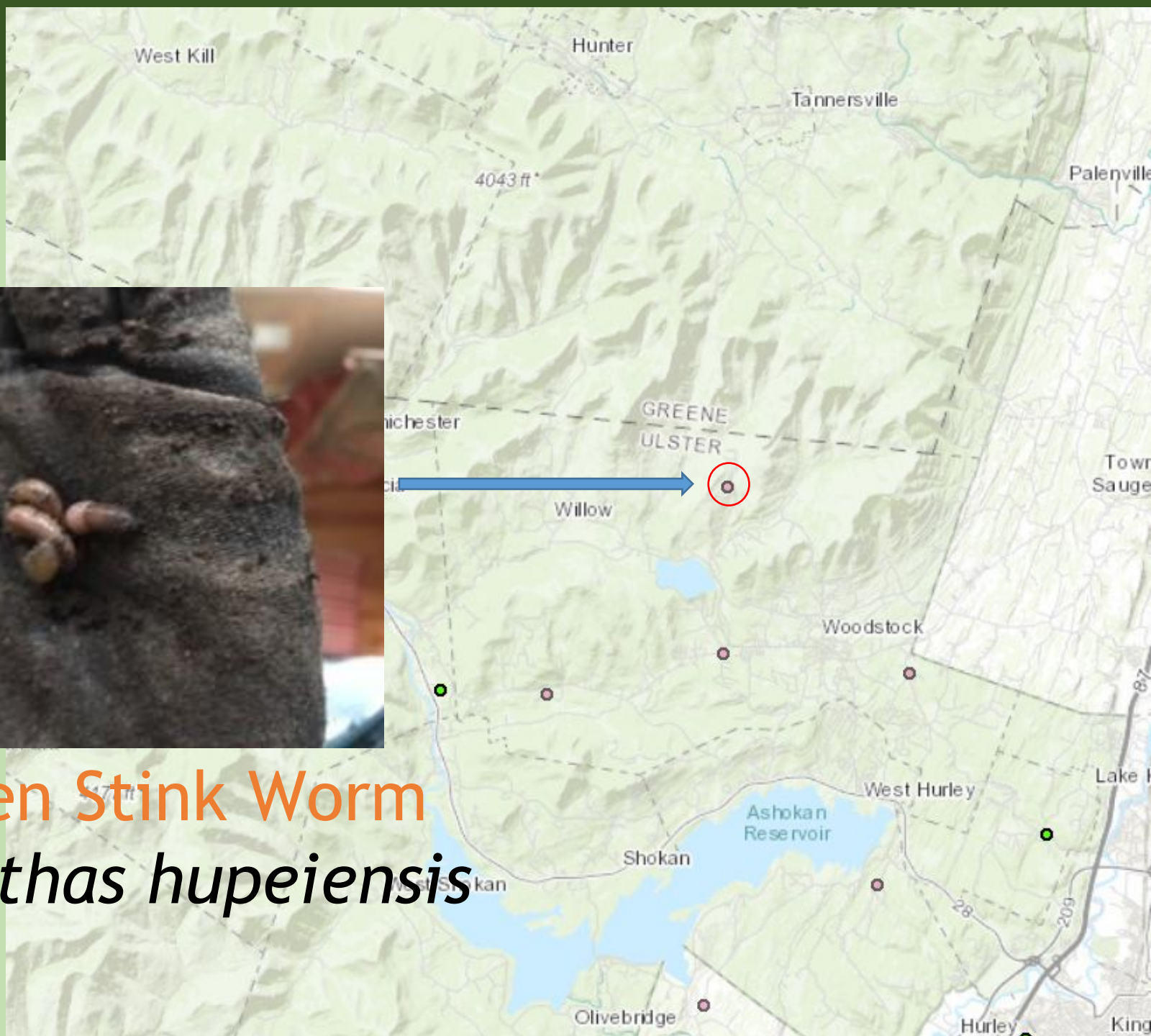
- Jumping Worms - Annual, overwinter as cocoons
- Jumping Worms - Grow throughout the season

# Jumping Worm in CRISP

- Generally in lower elevations, residential areas, woodlots and stream corridors
- No records in Schoharie County







**Green Stink Worm**  
*Amyntas hupeiensis*

# Take Action: Prevention

- Learn to ID Jumping Worms & castings
- Inspect new mulch, compost, soil
- Weed-free compost should be worm-free
- Request equipment (landscaping, logging) arrive and leave clear of soil
- Periodically rake leaf litter to check for worms
- Survey with a mustard mixture. Mix a gallon of water with 1/3 cup of ground yellow mustard seed and pour slowly into the soil. This will drive any worms to the surface.
- Report worm observations to iMapInvasives



**Jumping worms are PROHIBITED by the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation. Prohibited invasive species cannot be knowingly possessed with the intent to sell, import, purchase, transport or introduce.**

# Take Action: Minimize the Spread

- ❑ Clean soil from boots and gear
- ❑ Clean soil from ATV's and Mountain Bikes
- ❑ Clean soil from gardening tools
- ❑ Minimize sharing plants, soil, compost, or moving leaves
- ❑ Rinse roots, if you are sharing plants

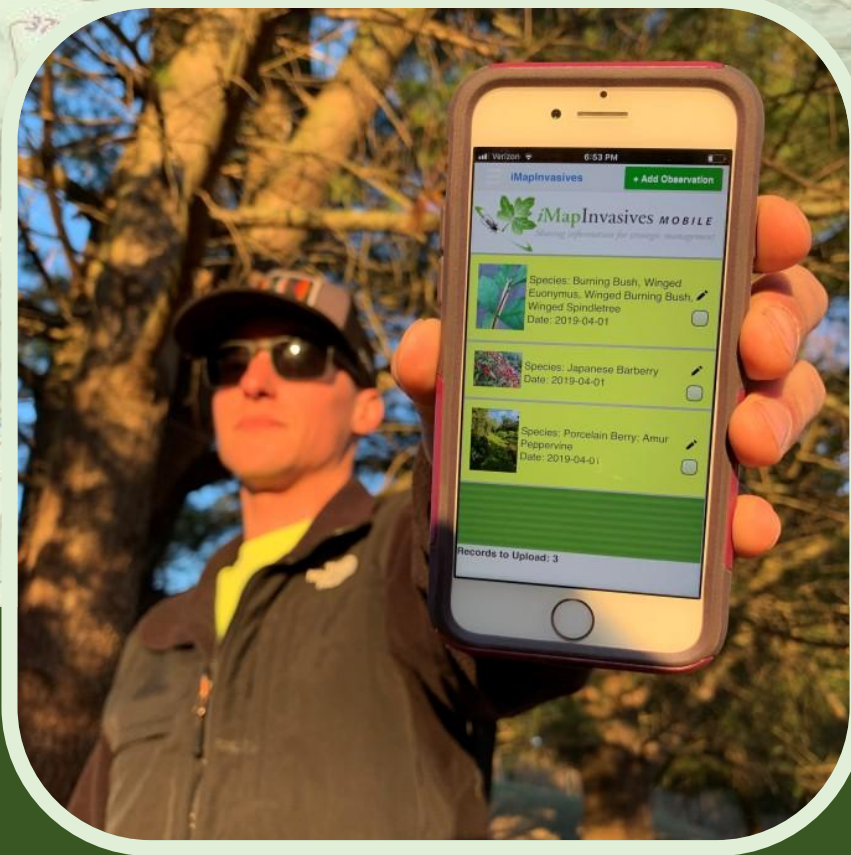


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# Questions?





# Introduction to iMapInvasives 2022

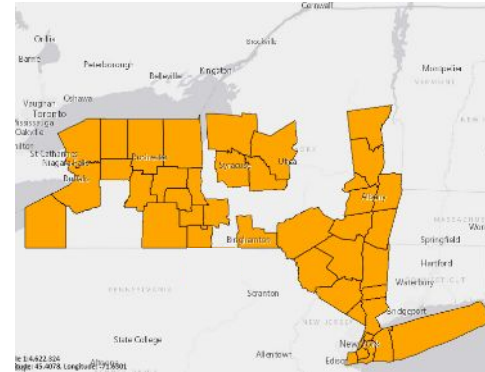
# iMapInvasives

Centralized invasive species database to support PRISMs, state agencies and other partners working on invasive species issues.



New York  
Natural Heritage  
Program

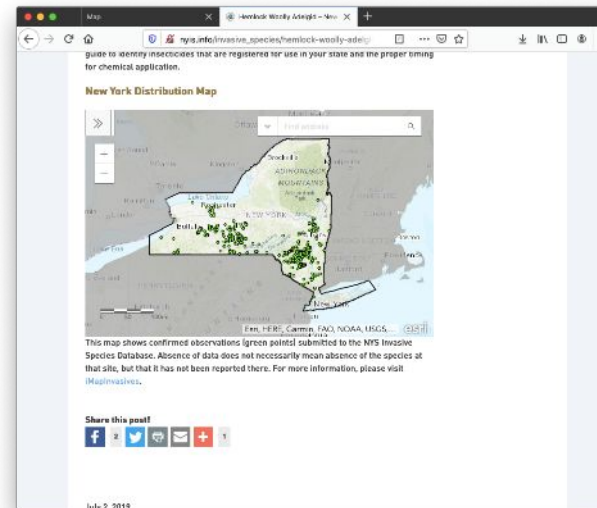
In NY, iMap is administered by NYNHP: [nynhp.org](http://nynhp.org)



Species Distributions  
and Reports



Early Detection  
Alerts

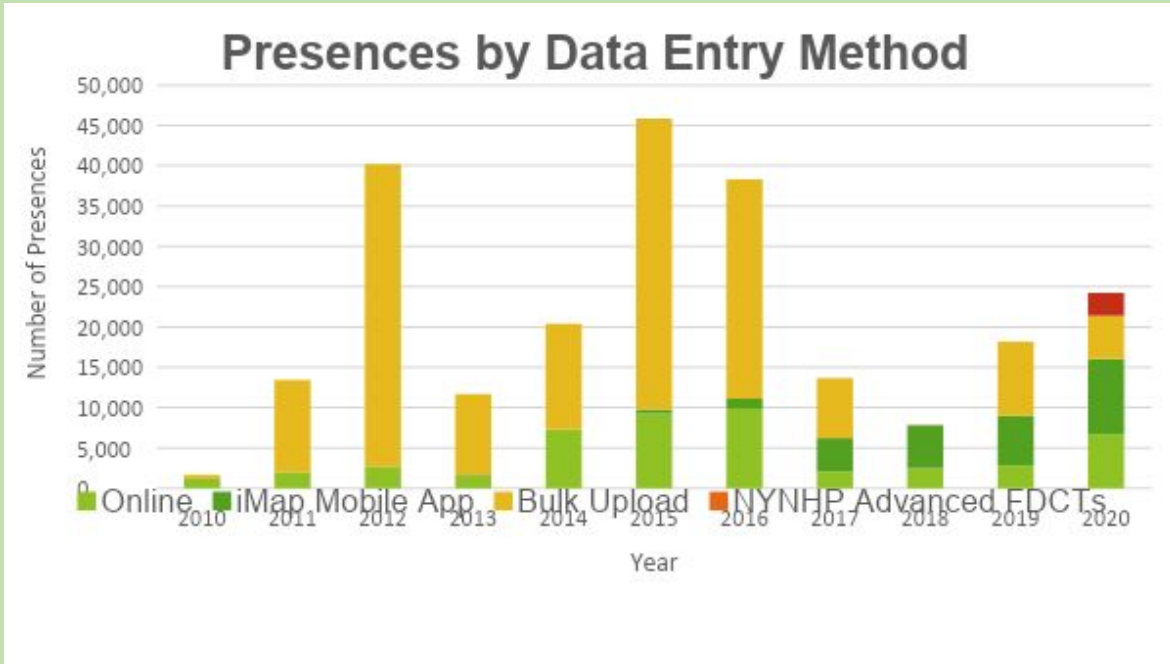


Web Map Services



Tracking Control  
Efforts and Results

# Data sources




❖ **2010-2016:** Uploads of existing data from partner organizations

❖ **Now:** Data entered by community scientists & professionals *in real time*

- Species ID confirmed by experts




# Nyimapinvasives.org

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Welcome to  
**NY iMapInvasives**

NY iMapInvasives is an online, collaborative, GIS-based database and mapping tool that serves as the official invasive species database for New York State. [Learn more about iMap.](#)

Featured species:  
 [Create account](#)  
[View public map](#)

**Confirmed Reports of Tree-of-Heaven in iMapInvasives**



Esri, HERE, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, ... 



# Create Account/Login

*imapinvasives.natureserve.org*

Log in to iMapInvasives

Email  Password   

**Sign Up**

Help us track Invasives - it's free.  
(Users must be at least 13 years old)

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Retype Email:

Password:   
(Must be at least 8 characters long, with a number and an uppercase letter)

Retype Password:

Jurisdiction:

Login (if you have account)

Create Account

Check email for link ("[click here](#)"),  
click open the User Agreement.

Read User Agreement and accept

# Login

**iMapInvasives has been updated!**

iMapInvasives was updated on 4/23/20. If this is your first time logging into iMapInvasives since then, you should [clear your cache](#) prior to using iMap to ensure you have the most recent updates.

For more information on what was included in this [current release](#), visit our [release page](#)

Do not show in the future  OK

1000 km  
600 mi  
Scale 1:36,978,595

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Map navigation and tool buttons: Login, Find Record, Filter Records, Identify/Measure, Close Layers, Change Basemaps, Add Layer From URL, Add Distribution Layer, Layers On/Off, Show Legend.

**Present Species Records**

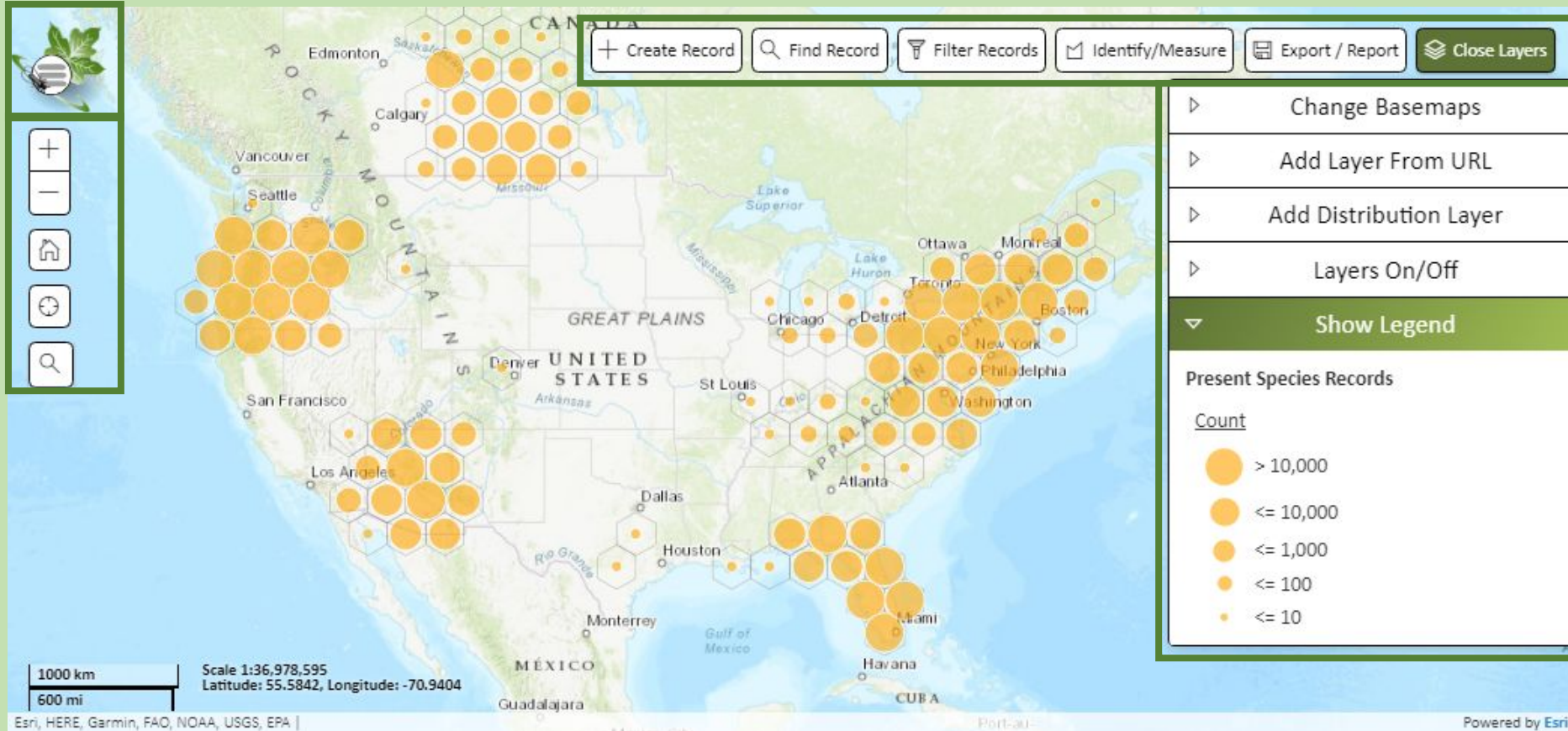
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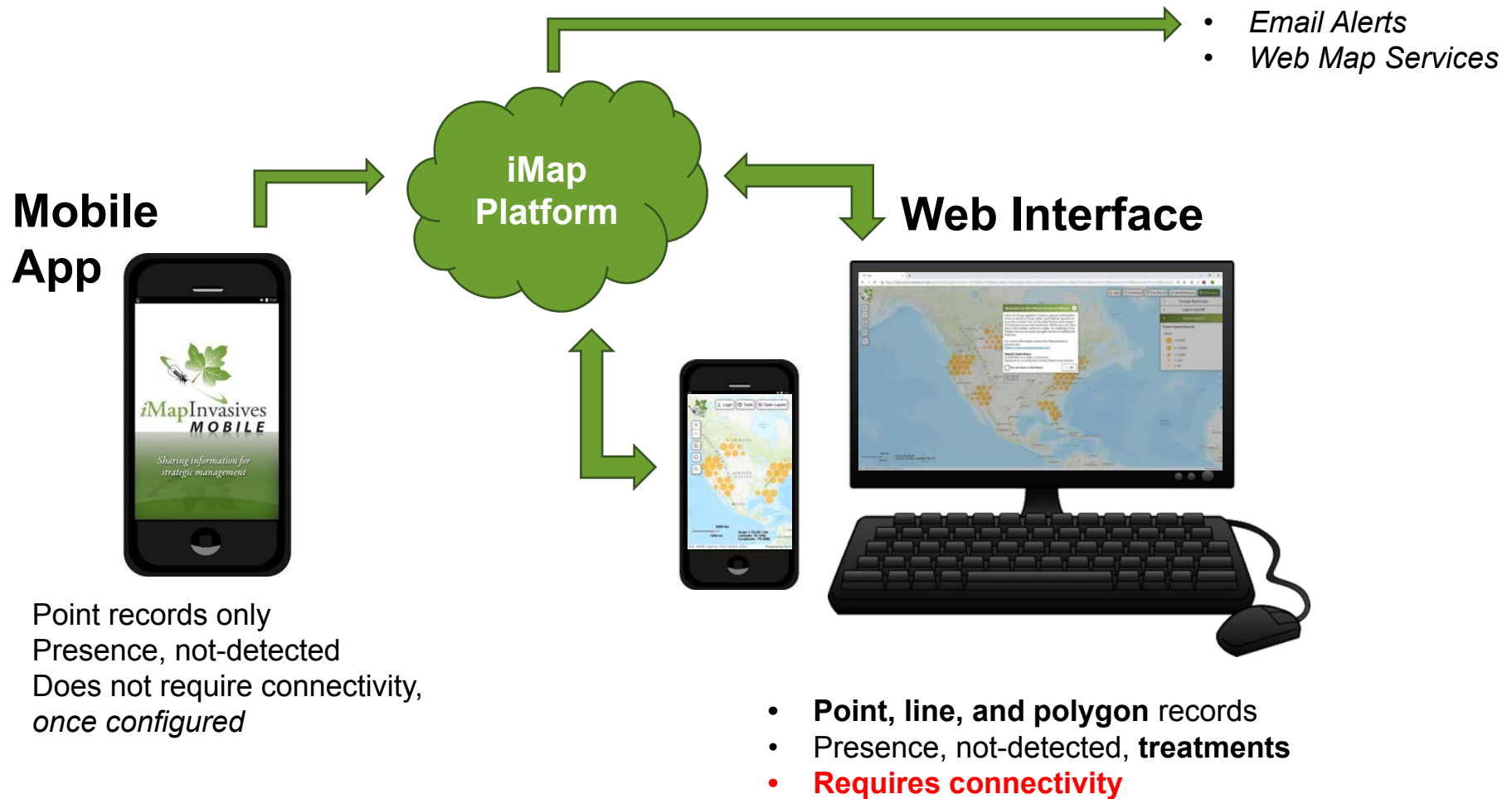
Action Tools

Navigation



Geographic Layers

# iMap Data Inputs and Outputs



# Mobile App



Download app from Google Play or iOS App Store (search for “imapinvasives”)

***Please follow along***

Questions? Chatbox



# Good Photos are Essential!



- Need to be focused and close-up enough
- Hand or sheet of paper behind plant provides scale and helps with focus

# Mobile App

1. Setup Account and App



*Connectivity required*

2. Record invasive species



*Connectivity **NOT** required*

3. Upload records to iMap



*Connectivity required*

# Mobile App Setup

**Preferences**

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*(Select the jurisdiction in which you will collect data)*

New York ▾

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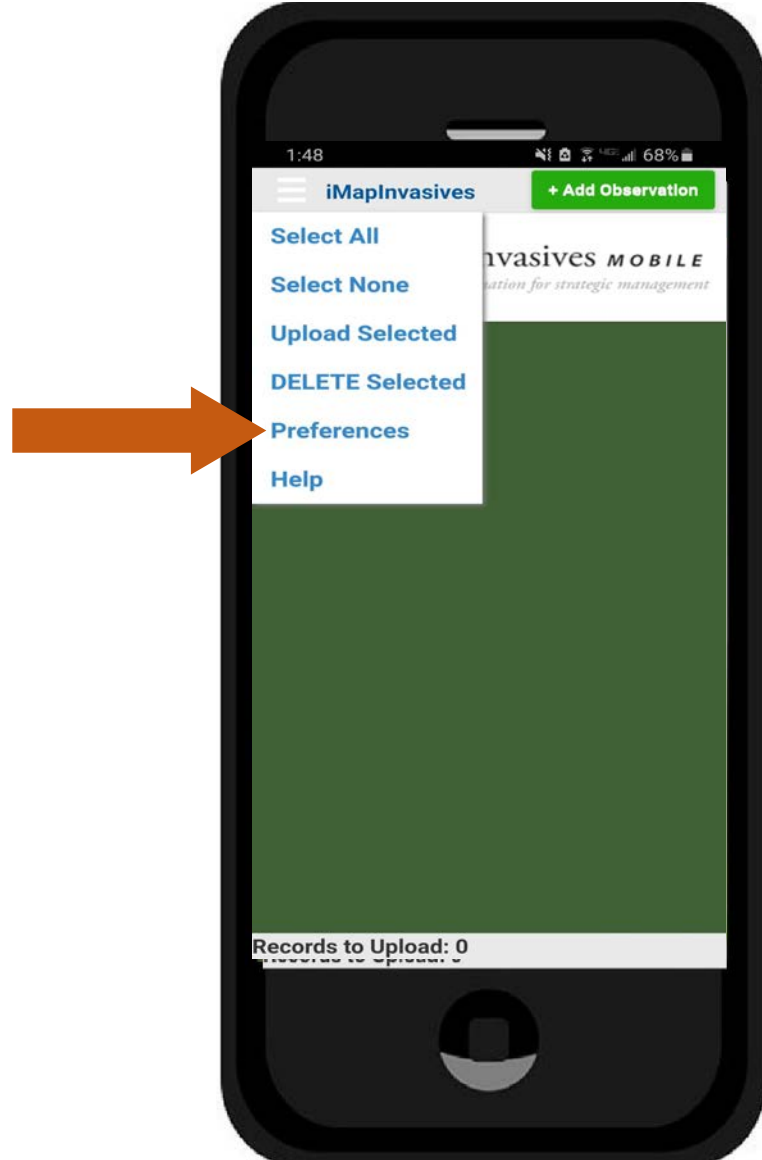
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**Retrieve iMap Lists**





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Species Name Display:

Scientific **Common**

Customize Species List

Picture quality:

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Save Photos Taken In iMapInvasives

App To Device Photo Library  
(If Permitted By Device)

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Road **Satellite**

Default Map Zoom:

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Measurement System:

US Customary (feet/acres)

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iMap Data Retrieval Successful

**Your iMapInvasives data was retrieved successfully (which includes your Species, Project, and Organization lists).**

OK

Save Photos Taken In iMapInvasives App To

- Username and password Must match iMap account online
- Sometimes iPhone's add space after password

# Preferences - optional

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View lists as scientific or common names

Optional – Make a short list of species you know, are interested in, and expect to survey for in your area

Select Your Species

- European Turkey Oak: *Quercus cerris*
- European Water Fern; European Watercress
- European Woodwasp: *Sirex noctilio*
- European trout lily: *Erythronium dens-can*
- Fake Species (for testing): Fake Species
- False Spiraea: *Sorbaria sorbifolia*
- False green kyllinga; Pasture Spike Sedg
- Fanwort; Carolina Fanwort: *Cabomba car*
- Far-eastern smartweed: *Persicaria extren*
- Feral Swine; Wild Boar: *Sus scrofa*

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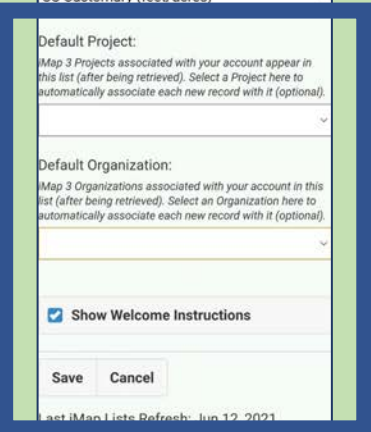
My Default Organization

**Show Welcome Instructions**

**Save** **Cancel**

Last iMap Lists Refresh: Apr 9, 2019

**Save!**



# Mobile App

1. Setup Account and App



*Connectivity required*



2. Record invasive species



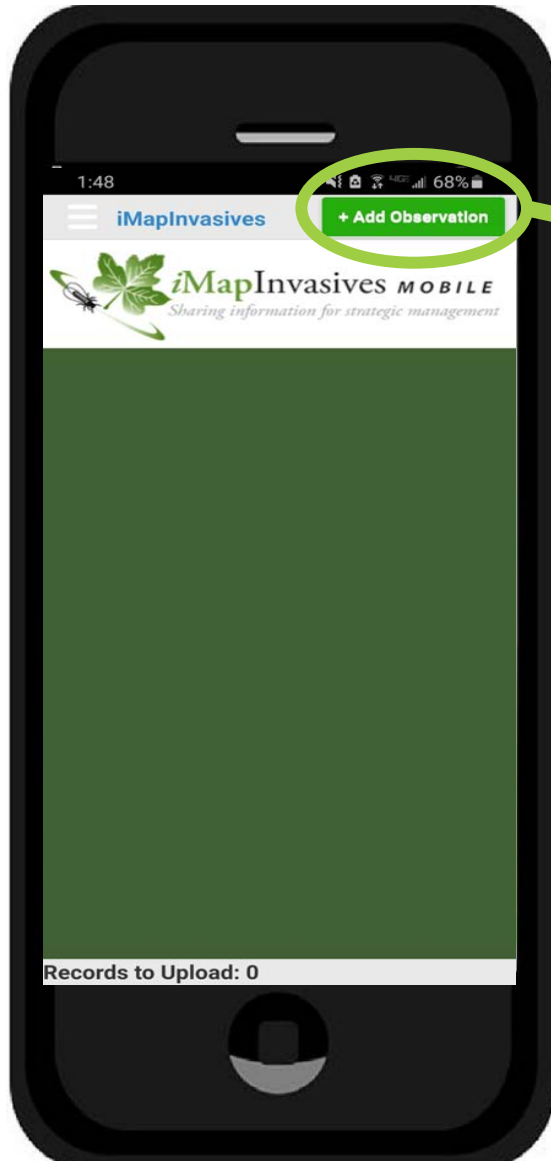
*Connectivity **NOT** required*

3. Upload records to iMap



*Connectivity required*

# Recording an observation

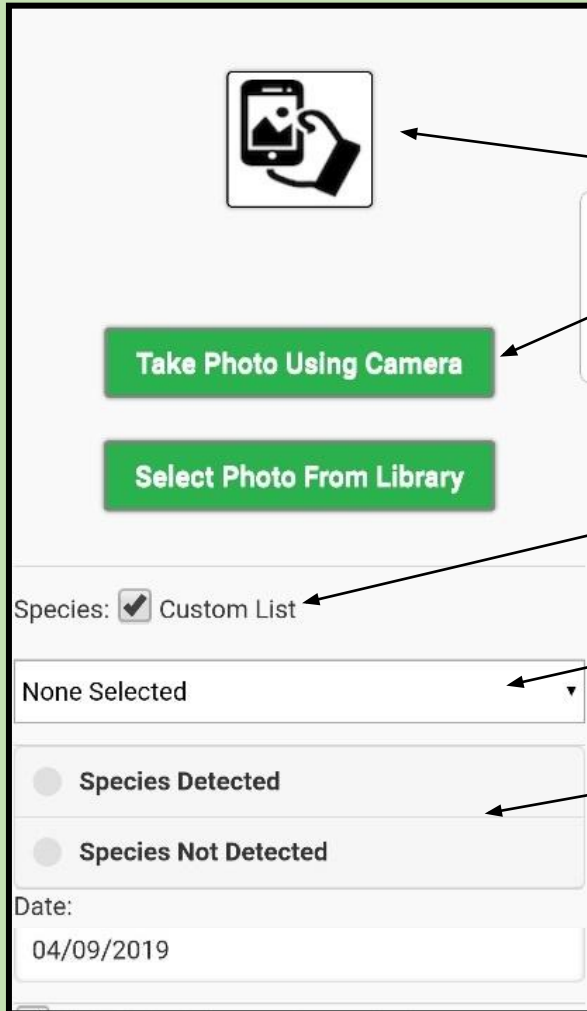
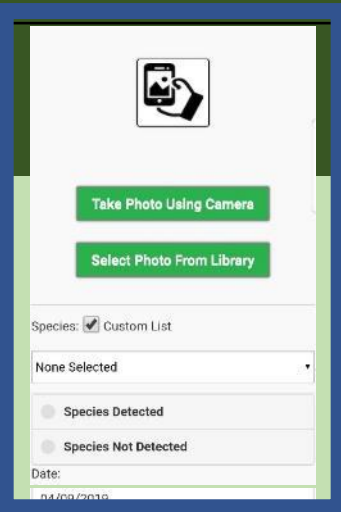


**+Add Observation**

- Please follow along
- Submit a record "A Fake Species"

A screenshot of the iMapInvasives MOBILE app observation form. The form is white with green accents. At the top, there is a camera icon and two buttons: "Take Photo Using Camera" and "Select Photo From Library". Below these are fields for "Species" (with a checked "Custom List" option), "None Selected" (a dropdown menu), "Species Detected" (radio button), and "Species Not Detected" (radio button). The "Date" field contains "04/09/2019". There is a checked "GPS: Uncheck to manually move location" option. The "Road" field is set to "Road". A map shows the current location with a yellow pin. Below the map, the "Location (Longitude, Latitude)" field contains "-73.7489682, 42.6523979". There are optional fields for "iMap 3 Project" and "iMap 3 Organization". The "Time Searched (in minutes)" field is empty. The "Observation Comments" field is a large text area. At the bottom, there are "Save" and "Cancel" buttons.

# Add Observation



Take photo with camera

Enable your custom species list

Select Species – **A Fake Species**

Select Detected or Not Detected

**\*\*\*New!** If you select photo from library, the iMap app will pull the location and date metadata from the photo (assuming your camera is set to capture metadata, and the appropriate permissions are available)

# Add Observation



Take Photo Using Camera

Select Photo From Library

Species:  Custom List

None Selected

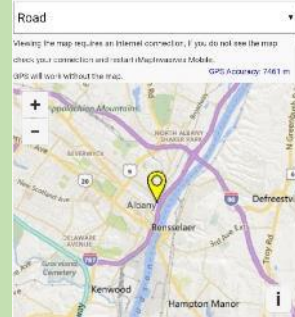
Species Detected

Species Not Detected

Date:

04/09/2019

GPS: Uncheck to manually move location



Location (Longitude, Latitude):

-73.7489682, 42.6523979

iMap 3 Project: (Optional)

iMap 3 Organization: (Optional)

Time Searched (in minutes):

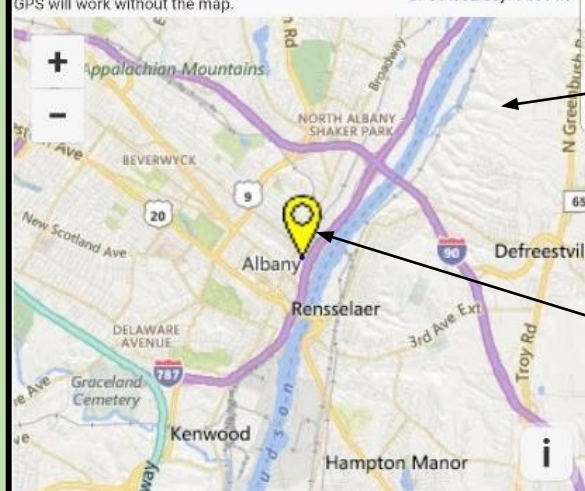
Observation Comments:

Save Cancel

GPS: Uncheck to manually move location

Road

Viewing the map requires an internet connection, if you do not see the map check your connection and restart iMapInvasives Mobile.  
GPS will work without the map. GPS Accuracy: 7461 m



Location (Longitude, Latitude):

-73.7489682, 42.6523979

iMap 3 Project: (Optional)

Note: Map will be blank when out of connectivity

Your location

Your coordinates: If 0,0 is displaying in the Location box, make sure your GPS is enabled on your device

# Add Observation



Take Photo Using Camera

Select Photo From Library

Species:  Custom List

None Selected

Species Detected

Species Not Detected

Date:

04/09/2019

GPS: Uncheck to manually move location

Road

Viewing the map requires an internet connection. If you do not see the map check your connection and install iMap3 on your mobile device. GPS Accuracy: 7.661 m



Location (Longitude, Latitude):

iMap 3 Project: (Optional)

iMap 3 Organization: (Optional)

Time Searched (in minutes):

Observation Comments:

Save Cancel

iMap 3 Project: (Optional)  
My Default Project

iMap 3 Organization: (Optional)  
My Default Organization

Time Searched (in minutes):

Observation Comments:

Save Cancel

Enter the approximate time you were searching for invasive species (very helpful)

Add any comments that may enhance the quality of your observation report

Don't forget to save your changes!



# Mobile App

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*Connectivity required*



2. Record invasive species



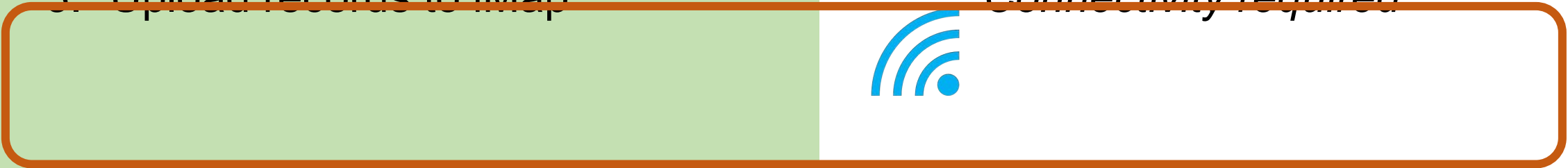
*Connectivity **NOT** required*



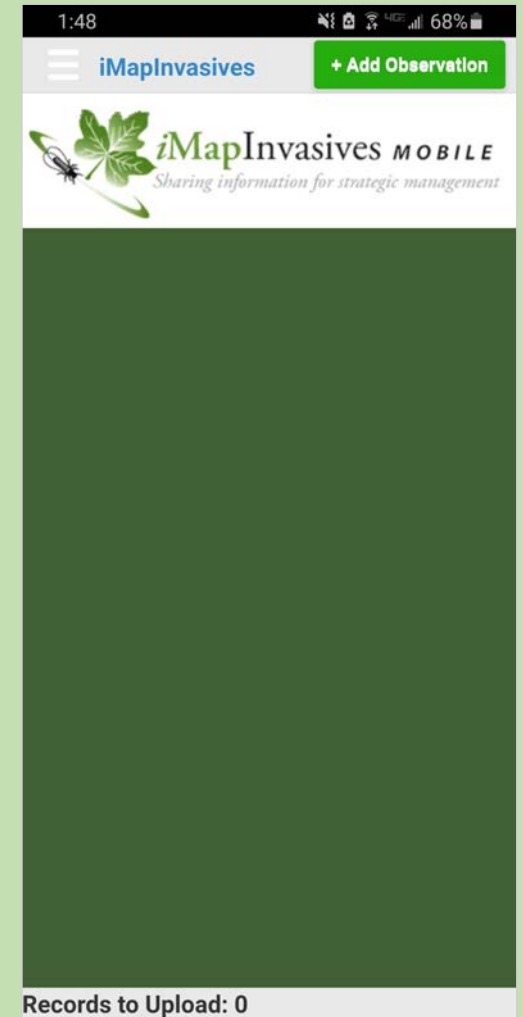
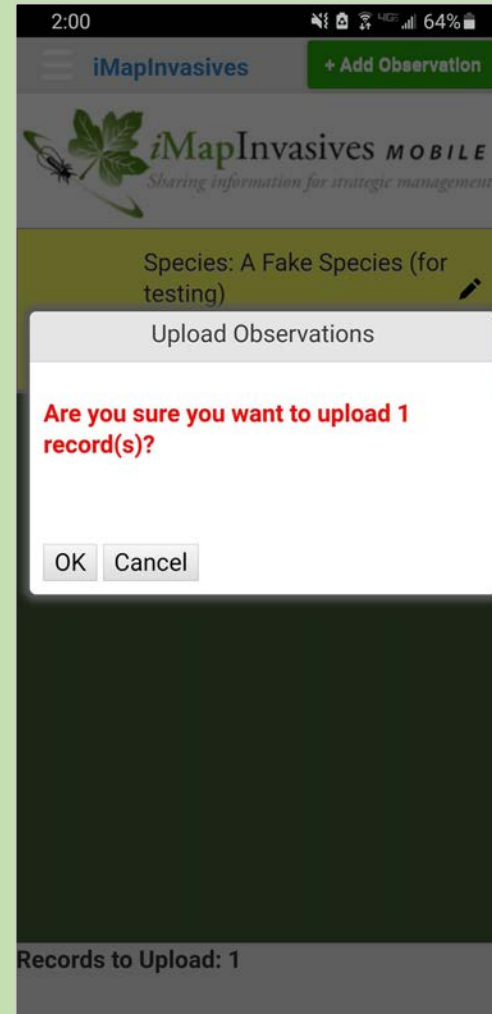
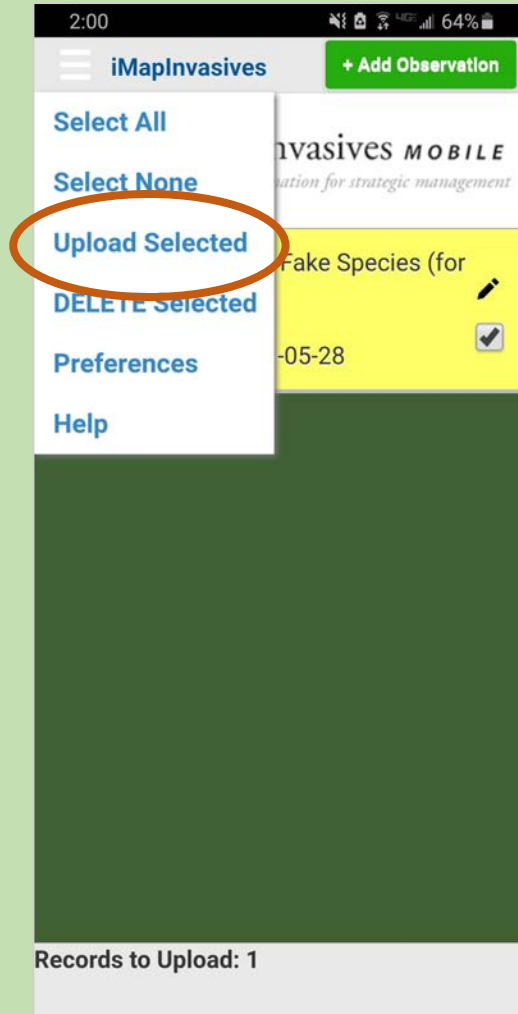
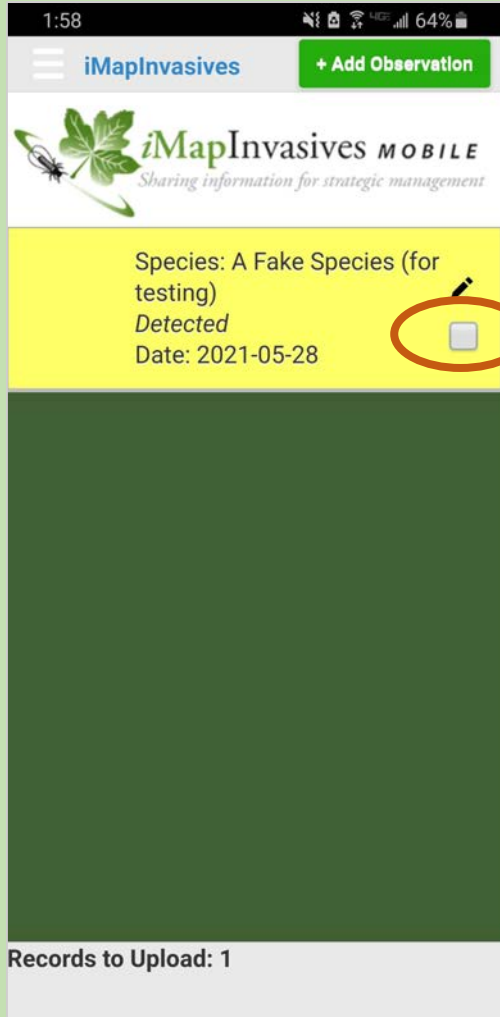
3. Upload records to iMap



*Connectivity required*



# Uploading Records





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