

# Jackson, Lenawee, Washtenaw Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area Bulletin

Most of you should be seeing a lot of trees and shrubs beginning to bud, and many spring ephemeral plants! If you own properties with a lot of brush, keep note of some of the early budding vines and shrubs as they are likely invasive (honeysuckle is one of them!), after official identification, plan a late summer/early fall treatment schedule!

## Earth Day Beginnings and Places in the JLW Region We Love!

Happy Earth Day to our readers! We thought this month we would highlight how Earth Day came about, and some of the special places in our service area that we love. Many folks don't know that there are two Earth Days. Activist John McConnell suggested the first day of spring (which was signed by the United Nations Secretary General) and is still celebrated internationally. Senator Gaylord Nelson proposed April 22nd in 1970 as a day for college teach-ins, and expanded to include marches and events. Born out of activism in response to Rachel Carson's a Silent Spring, Cuyahoga River fire, and Santa Barbara oil spill in 1969, this event became a large protest as 20+ million marched, cleaned, and attended teach-ins. The United Auto Workers was one of the largest financial supporters of the first Earth Day (held on April 22nd in 1970). Recent videos such as the straw being stuck in a sea turtle's nose, new invasive species, melting glaciers, extreme weather events continue to remind us of impact we humans have on the planet, and why this day is important. Today, the day is marked by many tree plantings, webinars, clean-ups and a day for recreation. The theme for this year's Earth Day is Planet vs. Plastics.

The Jackson, Lenawee, and Washtenaw region has many beautiful landscapes and waterbodies. Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve spans both Jackson and Washtenaw counties, and is a designated waterfowl refuge! Ives Road Fen is located in Lenawee County, featuring a fen and a variety of amphibians and reptiles! Both places are public hiking areas and susceptible to invasive species, and thus we ask our readers to remain vigilant for emerging invasive species in these areas!



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Beautiful areas like a) Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve b) Ives Road Fen are sensitive ecosystems boasting a wide array of species, both threatened and those more common.

## Upcoming Events

**May 1st**—MSU Ex.: Huron-Michigan Virtual Fishery Workshop; 6pm-8pm.

Registration required:

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**May 15th**—NAISMA: The Trouble with Lionfish: Perspectives from across North America; 2pm -4pm. Registration required:

[naisma.org/event/webinar-invasive-lionfish/](https://naisma.org/event/webinar-invasive-lionfish/)

**May 21st**—Not MI Species Webinar: A Herculean Task: Containing the First Hydrilla Infestation in Michigan ; 9am-10am. Registration required:

[us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_xdejlqPOQ7Wk2wigCCbFfg#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xdejlqPOQ7Wk2wigCCbFfg#/registration)



## Website of the Month

The official Earth Day website contains information on volunteer opportunities, articles related to pressing environmental issues, and factsheets. You can even test your knowledge via quizzes!

<https://www.earthday.org/>

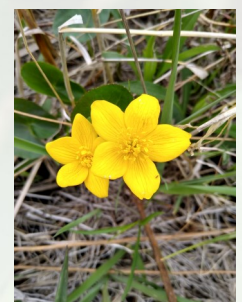
## Invasive Species Spotlight—Lesser Celandine

- *Ficaria verna* is native to Europe and west Asia, and prefers moist or seasonally flooded soils
- Hairless perennial plant with short stems, kidney-shaped leaves, and bright yellow flowers that emerge in early spring
- About 3 to 9 in. tall
- Spreads via bulblets, tubers, and seeds
- Can outcompete native spring ephemeral plants such as trilliums



## Native Species Spotlight—Marsh Marigold

- *Caltha palustris* L. is a perennial plant in the buttercup family
- Showy yellow flowers reflect a violet color to some pollinator species like bees which humans can't see
- Generally flowers in the third year
- Has hollow stems
- Cattle and horses may be poisoned if they consume fresh plants



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