



Reduce One  
Invasive Species  
Challenge

**2021  
Purple  
Wintercreeper**

Purple wintercreeper (*Euonymus fortunei*) is the MC-IRIS Reduce One Invasive Species Challenge species for 2021. If you control it on your land, you'll get a reward of native plants!\*



Purple wintercreeper is an invasive vine that grows in many Monroe County yards and is invading forests in the county. Fortunately, it is easy to identify and there are a number of different ways to control it. **Be part of the solution** by joining together with MC-IRIS to control purple wintercreeper in 2021.

### Why Should You Control Purple Wintercreeper?

- It makes a dense ground cover, displacing native plants and providing little food for native wildlife.
- Birds need 75% of the local plant base to be native to produce enough insect larvae to feed their offspring; purple wintercreeper endangers that food source.
- When Purple wintercreeper climbs it weakens the trees and starts to produce seeds that spread to more yards and to the forest.

**Ready to control this invasive vine?** Small areas can be pulled by hand, but it may take more to control large areas. Learn more on our website. \*Also see this link for reward details.

<http://mc-iris.org/reduce-one-invasive-species-challenge.html>

**Also check out the NEW Small & Simple Grant to Control Invasive Plant Species (SSCIPS) in your neighborhood and plant natives!**

<https://bloomington.in.gov/neighb.../grants/small-and-simple>