

# GIVE INVASIVE SPECIES THE BRUSH OFF.

Shoes can carry the seeds of invasive plants like common tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*). Please brush them off before entering and leaving this area.



Illustration: University of Wisconsin Extension

## What's The Problem?

**Common tansy** produces huge amounts of seed that can remain viable in the ground for long periods of time.

- Non-native seed and plant parts are carried from one place to another on our shoes, vehicle tires, by the wind and flowing water.
- Tansy is a non-native invasive plant—one of many that were accidentally or intentionally introduced to Minnesota.



## Other Invasive Plants On The Move...

**Spotted Knapweed**  
(*Centaurea stoebe*)



Spotted knapweed releases a toxin into the soil that prevents the growth of neighboring plants.

**Garlic Mustard**  
(*Alliaria petiolata*)



Garlic mustard can quickly crowd out spring wildflowers and tree seedlings.

**Wild Parsnip**  
(*Pastinaca sativa*)



Wild parsnip sap can cause burns when it contacts skin in the presence of sunlight (phytophotodermatitis).

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**STOP INVASIVE SPECIES  
IN YOUR TRACKS.**

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Entering And Before Leaving  
The Recreation Site**