

MONTHLY WEED ALERT

Italian Arum, Ornamental Invader



The plant is 12” to 18” tall with arrow-head shape, variegated leaves that are 8” to 12” long. They emerge in the spring but die back in the summer. Pale, foul-smelling, hood-like flowers are produced in late May. Bright red berries formed in tight clusters develop in summer.



Do not let it go to seed. Wearing gloves, cut and bag all seed heads, and dispose of them in the garbage.

Italian Arum is a non-native perennial that was introduced as an ornamental plant. It is a woodland species and prefers moist, well-shaded environments.



Italian Arum is toxic to humans and some animals. Handling of the plant can cause skin irritation and ingestion can cause swelling of the mouth, tongue and throat.

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