

Dear Readers,

As you will quickly notice, this issue of *Wildland Weeds* is almost entirely devoted to the highly invasive Melaleuca (*Melaleuca quinquenervia*). Although the cover of the Summer 2003 issue pictured "The Last Melaleuca," this proclamation referred to mature melaleuca trees in the Big Cypress National Preserve. The notoriously invasive tree still threatens many thousands of acres across south Florida. Our Spring issue includes articles on various methods of managing melaleuca, an update from the TAME Melaleuca project, a note on melaleuca's 'endangered' status in Australia, new information on rooting strategies of the tree, and a fresh look at its widely-known allergenic properties. New information continues to roll in as the hard work continues.

Below is the new CD offered by the USDA Forest Service, "*Invasive Plants of the Eastern United States – Identification and Control*" featuring complete text and images from four recent books. It's great to see the many excellent tools becoming available in the fight against exotic pest plants. With state and federal agencies, non-profit organizations, professional associations and concerned citizens joining forces, we can, and will, make a difference! — In that light, be sure to join us for the FLEPPC/SE-EPPC Conference in Pensacola Beach, April 28th–30th. It's sure to be a productive meeting!

Karen Brown, Editor

DRAWING ON RECENT PUBLICATIONS by the USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA APHIS PPQ and the Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council, this CD-ROM covers the identification characteristics, distribution, and control options for 97 invasive tree, shrub, vine, grass, fern, forb, and aquatic plant species of concern in the eastern United States.

THE CD FEATURES THE COMPLETE TEXT AND IMAGES FROM THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATIONS:

Invasive Plants of the Eastern United States Identification and Control



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- **Nonnative Invasive Plants of Southern Forests: A Field Guide for Identification and Control**
- **Biological Control of Invasive Plants in the Eastern United States**
- **Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas**
- **Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council Invasive Plant Manual**

Request free copies of the CD-ROM from Richard Reardon, FHTET, USDA Forest Service, Morgantown, West Virginia, (304) 285-1566, rreardon@fs.fed.us or from www.invasive.org

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