



NJ Invasive Species  
Strike Team

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## Strike Team Report December 2020

### *The Strike Team Needs Your Support!*

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Although we have had a successful year with multiple contracts and grants allowing us to knock out thousands of invasive species, there are critical functions of the Strike Team that require private donations. These functions include maintaining and improving web resources that serve the conservation community and the general public along with phone app functions such as updating / adding species fact sheets and reviewing data submissions to be added to the statewide database. Private donations also support core activities such as our investigations of new and ongoing threats posed by newly emerging invasive species.

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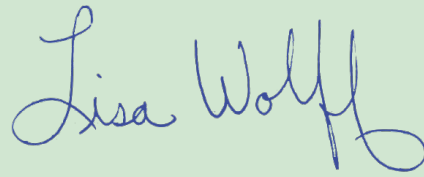
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FoHVOS Stewardship Director  
Strike Team Program Director

2020 has been a crazy year that has made the importance of our work even more visible. As people get outside to improve their health and enjoy a break from staying home, they can appreciate the special places that we at FoHVOS and Strike team aim to protect.

Everyone must do more to improve the health of our lands and reverse the decline in populations of insects and birds. Restoring biodiversity is key. As you know, offending plants are known as "invasives" because they crowd out the space that more desirable wildflowers, shrubs and grasses can provide as

healthy habitat.

As 2020 retreats to the rear view mirror, please consider making a gift and support our life sustaining work in the future.



Lisa Wolff  
FoHVOS Executive Director

## Live and Learn

With the help of our exceptional Technical Advisory Committee, we completed our annual species review and prepared our [2020 species list](#) as well as our updated [Do Not Plant List](#). In addition, please consider signing our [Landscape Planting Pledge](#).

### Deer Eating Garlic Mustard?!



Now I've seen everything! I am working toward restoring my property in Warren County this year, lots of invasive treatments along with native plantings and LOTS of deer spray to encourage the natives to grow/ establish.

Starting around late August I started to see a few Garlic Mustard plants getting nipped. I figured that's strange but probably a fluke. By October, all patches had some browse, some pretty intense. I

don't have a particularly good answer, but I assume that all of the deer spraying made them turn to the only invasives left (and the only plants that weren't sprayed). The odd thing is that my property is just a small spot in a much bigger landscape that has not been deer sprayed, so why resort to eating Garlic Mustard when better browse is available nearby? If a matriarchal herd has a 1 square mile home range, why be so faithful to a particular small patch of their range and feel forced to eat something unpalatable?

Lots of unanswered questions, I would be happy to get anyone's thoughts!

And by the way, it doesn't look like the browsing will be enough to actually kill the plants...

## Volunteer with us!

Looking for a volunteer opportunity?  
The NJ Invasive Species Strike Team is the organization for you!

Visit our sign up genius below to share your interests with us.  
Contact [Ihorvath@fohv.org](mailto:Ihorvath@fohv.org) for more information.

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**The Strike Team needs your help to fight invasive species throughout New Jersey. By making a membership donation, you directly fund our efforts to keep invasive species at bay and protect our native plants and wildlife. Donate through the link below!**

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