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Porcelain Berry

Scientifically known as "Ampelopsis brevipedunculata", porcelain berries are an invasive species that are native to Asia. The vines of the plant spread by seed and the resprouting of roots. These berries take over other plant species, and decrease biodiversity. As well as disrupting habitats. You can prevent the spread by pulling roots out, ensuring the whole root is removed.

Info: United States Department of Agriculture



Canada Goldenrod

Scientifically known as "Solidago canadensis", Canada Goldenrods are tall, leafy plants with yellow flowers growing at the tips. They grow aggressively and in some cases, the large, dense patches can cause problems. These plants typically grow in mid to late July to early October.

Info: United States Department of Agriculture, National Resources Conservation Service



Pokeweed

Scientifically known as "Phytolacca americana". This plant is native to North America and blooms in May to October. While the plant appears very appealing, it is actually poisonous and can, in some cases, result in death. The stems, however, if cooked properly, and young enough, can be edible and include some nutritious benefits.

Info: Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Caption: We are participating in PGC because we want to raise awareness about the importance of caring for our environment. The environment is important to us because Earth is our only home, and we need to show it some more love! We are so excited to learn about nature because we are really passionate about topics such as wildlife, habitats, and how we can make sure that they stay safe. This challenge can help us reach our goal of spreading awareness by providing us with the opportunities to share our knowledge and creativity with the world and show that anyone can make an impact! (In the photos above, you can see some plants we found and researched from Summer's backyard)#pgc2023 @turninggreenorg

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