Impacts and Implications of Co-occurring Invasive Plant Species

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It is now common to find multiple nonnative, invasive plant species growing side by side in invaded habitats. Yet, a disproportionate amount of research has focused on understanding the effects of single rather than multiple invaders. Using two common habitats in East Tennessee – old fields and deciduous forests – I will show how the impacts of co-occurring invasive plants can differ from the impacts of single invasive plants and how interactions among invasive plants can alter invasion impacts on plant communities and ecosystem processes.

Art takes nature as its model. - Aristotle