NEW YORK
NON-NATIVE PLANT INVASIVENESS RANKING FORM

Scientific name:	Lysimachia nummularia	USDA Plants Code:	NYLU
Common names:	Creeping Jenny, moneywort		
Native distribution:	Europe, southwest Asia		
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New York Invasiveness Rank: Moderate (Relative Maximum Score 50.00-69.99)

Distribution and Invasiveness Rank (*Obtain from PRISM invasiveness ranking form*)			
	Status of this species in each PRISM:	Current Distribution	PRISM Invasiveness Rank
1	Adirondack Park Invasive Program	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
2	Capital/Mohawk	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
3	Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
4	Finger Lakes	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
5	Long Island Invasive Species Management Area	Common	Moderate
6	Lower Hudson	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
7	Saint Lawrence/Eastern Lake Ontario	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
8	Western New York	Not Assessed	Not Assessed

Invasiveness Ranking Summary (see details under appropriate sub-section)		Total (Total Answered*) Possible	Total
1	Ecological impact	40 (30)	13
2	Biological characteristic and dispersal ability	25 (22)	18
3	Ecological amplitude and distribution	25 (25)	21
4	Difficulty of control	10 (7)	4
	Outcome score	100 (84)[b]	56[a]
	Relative maximum score †		66.67
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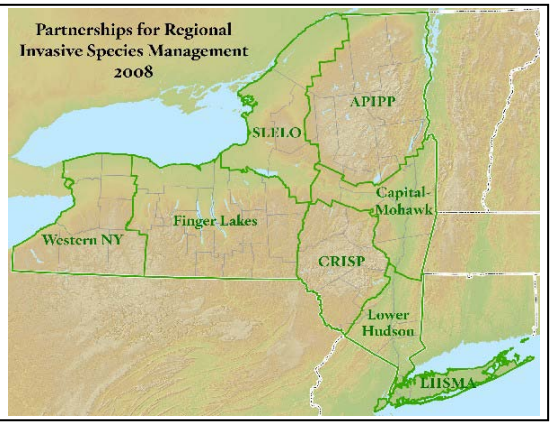
* For questions answered "unknown" do not include point value in "Total Answered Points Possible." If "Total Answered Points Possible" is less than 70.00 points, then the overall invasive rank should be listed as "Unknown."
†Calculated as 100(a/b) to two decimal places.
§Very High >80.00; High 70.00−80.00; Moderate 50.00−69.99; Low 40.00−49.99; Insignificant <40.00

A. DISTRIBUTION (KNOWN/POTENTIAL): Summarized from individual PRISM forms

A1.1. Has this species been documented to persist without cultivation in NY? (reliable source; voucher not required)	
☒	Yes – continue to A1.2
☐	No – continue to A2.1
A1.2. In which PRISMs is it known (see inset map)?	
☒	Adirondack Park Invasive Program
☒	Capital/Mohawk
☒	Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership
☒	Finger Lakes
☒	Long Island Invasive Species Management Area
☒	Lower Hudson
☒	Saint Lawrence/Eastern Lake Ontario
☒	Western New York



Documentation:
Sources of information:
Weldy & Werier, 2005; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2008.

A2.1. What is the likelihood that this species will occur and persist outside of cultivation given the climate in the following PRISMs? (obtain from PRISM invasiveness ranking form)

Not Assessed	Adirondack Park Invasive Program
Not Assessed	Capital/Mohawk
Not Assessed	Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership
Not Assessed	Finger Lakes
Very Likely	Long Island Invasive Species Management Area
Not Assessed	Lower Hudson
Not Assessed	Saint Lawrence/Eastern Lake Ontario
Not Assessed	Western New York

Documentation:
Sources of information (e.g.: distribution models, literature, expert opinions):
Weldy & Werier, 2005; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2008.

If the species does not occur and is not likely to occur with any of the PRISMs, then stop here as there is no need to assess the species.

A2.2. What is the current distribution of the species in each PRISM? (obtain rank *from PRISM invasiveness ranking forms*)

	Distribution
Adirondack Park Invasive Program	Not Assessed
Capital/Mohawk	Not Assessed
Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership	Not Assessed
Finger Lakes	Not Assessed
Long Island Invasive Species Management Area	Common
Lower Hudson	Not Assessed
Saint Lawrence/Eastern Lake Ontario	Not Assessed
Western New York	Not Assessed

Documentation:
Sources of information:
Weldy & Werier, 2005; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2008.

A2.3. Describe the potential or known suitable habitats within New York. Natural habitats include all habitats not under active human management. Managed habitats are indicated with an asterisk.

Aquatic Habitats	Wetland Habitats	Upland Habitats
☐ Salt/brackish waters	☐ Salt/brackish marshes	☒ Cultivated*
☐ Freshwater tidal	☒ Freshwater marshes	☐ Grasslands/old fields
☐ Rivers/streams	☐ Peatlands	☐ Shrublands
☐ Natural lakes and ponds	☒ Shrub swamps	☐ Forests/woodlands
☒ Vernal pools	☒ Forested wetlands/riparian	☐ Alpine
☒ Reservoirs/impoundments*	☒ Ditches*	☒ Roadsides*
	☐ Beaches and/or coastal dunes	

Other potential or known suitable habitats within New York:

Documentation:
Sources of information:
Van Vechten & Buell, 1959; Barnes et al., 1971 (England edge of salt pond); Bell, 1974; Gaudet & Keddy, 1995; Mills et al., 1996; Hughes & Cass, 1997; Luken & Thieret, 2001; Aronson et al., 2004; Mehrhoff et al., 2004; Brooklyn Botanic Garden. 2008 (1961 Kalbfleisch (Suffolk Co.) specimen); author's (Glenn's) personal observations.

B. INVASIVENESS RANKING

1. ECOLOGICAL IMPACT

1.1. Impact on Natural Ecosystem Processes and System-Wide Parameters (e.g. fire regime, geomorphological changes (erosion, sedimentation rates), hydrologic regime, nutrient and mineral dynamics, light availability, salinity, pH)

A.	No perceivable impact on ecosystem processes based on research studies, or the absence of impact information if a species is widespread (>10 occurrences in minimally managed areas), has been well-studied (>10 reports/publications), and has been present in the northeast for >100 years.	0
B.	Influences ecosystem processes to a minor degree (e.g., has a perceivable but mild influence on soil nutrient availability)	3
C.	Significant alteration of ecosystem processes (e.g., increases sedimentation rates along streams or coastlines, reduces open water that are important to waterfowl)	7
D.	Major, possibly irreversible, alteration or disruption of ecosystem processes (e.g., the species alters geomorphology and/or hydrology, affects fire frequency, alters soil pH, or fixes substantial levels of nitrogen in the soil making soil unlikely to support certain native plants or more likely to favor non-native species)	10
U.	Unknown	

Score 3

Documentation:
Identify ecosystem processes impacted (or if applicable, justify choosing answer A in the absence of impact information)
Can disrupt water flow of springs and seeps (Mehrhoff et al., 2004). One study found increased rate of redox reactions in soil (Justin & Armstrong, 1987 Table 2) but impacts on soil chemistry (e.g. nutrients, pH etc.) unclear. Another study (Eom et al., 2005) found in study of groundcover plants that the mats of Lysimachia nummularia 'aurea' reduce light hitting the soil surface by over 80%. SRC noted that the species has been in New England "…at least as early as the 1870s" (Mehrhoff) but there is no evidence of major impacts on ecosystem processes.
Sources of information:
Justin & Armstrong, 1987; Mehrhoff, 2004; Eom et al., 2005; .

1.2. Impact on Natural Community Structure

A.	No perceived impact; establishes in an existing layer without influencing its structure	0
B.	Influences structure in one layer (e.g., changes the density of one layer)	3
C.	Significant impact in at least one layer (e.g., creation of a new layer or elimination of an existing layer)	7
D.	Major alteration of structure (e.g., covers canopy, eradicating most or all layers below)	10
U.	Unknown	

Score 7

Documentation:
Identify type of impact or alteration:
Significantly increases the density of the herb layer, and may create a layer where none had existed.
Sources of information:
Mehrhoff et al., 2004; Eom et al., 2005; Gravuer, 2006; S. Young NYNHP database.

1.3. Impact on Natural Community Composition

A.	No perceived impact; causes no apparent change in native populations	0
B.	Influences community composition (e.g., reduces the number of individuals in one or more native species in the community)	3
C.	Significantly alters community composition (e.g., produces a significant reduction in the population size of one or more native species in the community)	7

D.	Causes major alteration in community composition (e.g., results in the extirpation of one or several native species, reducing biodiversity or change the community composition towards species exotic to the natural community)	10
U.	Unknown	

Score 3

Documentation:
Identify type of impact or alteration:
May reduce population size of some native species in herb layer; evidence lacking of significant reduction or extirpation of native species.
Sources of information:
Mehrhoff et al., 2004; Eom et al., 2005; Gravuer, 2006; K. Smith, J. Lundgren and S. Young NYNHP database and pers.comm.

1.4. Impact on other species or species groups (cumulative impact of this species on the animals, fungi, microbes, and other organisms in the community it invades. Examples include reduction in nesting/foraging sites; reduction in habitat connectivity; injurious components such as spines, thorns, burrs, toxins; suppresses soil/sediment microflora; interferes with native pollinators and/or pollination of a native species; hybridizes with a native species; hosts a non-native disease which impacts a native species)

A.	Negligible perceived impact	0
B.	Minor impact	3
C.	Moderate impact	7
D.	Severe impact on other species or species groups	10
U.	Unknown	

Score U

Documentation:
Identify type of impact or alteration:
Gravuer (2006) assumes impacts are not significant but studies are lacking. Studies need on the possible pollination of this species by rare native bees; also, possibly decreasing the pollination of native Lysimachia species by native bees (L. Bavaro, pers. communications).
Sources of information:
Gravuer, 2006; L. Bavaro pers. communications.

Total Possible 30
Section One Total 13

2. BIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND DISPERSAL ABILITY

2.1. Mode and rate of reproduction

A.	No reproduction by seeds or vegetative propagules (i.e. plant sterile with no sexual or asexual reproduction).	0
B.	Limited reproduction (fewer than 10 viable seeds per plant AND no vegetative reproduction; if viability is not known, then maximum seed production is less than 100 seeds per plant and no vegetative reproduction)	1
C.	Moderate reproduction (fewer than 100 viable seeds per plant - if viability is not known, then maximum seed production is less than 1000 seeds per plant - OR limited successful vegetative spread documented)	2
D.	Abundant reproduction with vegetative asexual spread documented as one of the plants prime reproductive means OR more than 100 viable seeds per plant (if viability is not known, then maximum seed production reported to be greater than 1000 seeds per plant.)	4
U.	Unknown	

Score 4

Documentation:
Describe key reproductive characteristics (including seeds per plant):
Vigorous vegetative spread. Often high degree of seed sterility reported, although one study did find some germinating seeds of L. nummularia from flood debris samples.
Sources of information:
Ray, 1956; Salisbury, 1976; Salisbury, 1978; Bittrich & Kadereit, 1988; Mack, 1991; Hughes, & Cass. 1997; Mehrhoff et al., 2004; author's (Glenn's) personal observations.

2.2. Innate potential for long-distance dispersal (e.g. bird dispersal, sticks to animal hair, buoyant fruits, pappus for wind-dispersal)

A.	Does not occur (no long-distance dispersal mechanisms)	0
B.	Infrequent or inefficient long-distance dispersal (occurs occasionally despite lack of adaptations)	1
C.	Moderate opportunities for long-distance dispersal (adaptations exist for long-distance dispersal, but studies report that 95% of seeds land within 100 meters of the parent plant)	2
D.	Numerous opportunities for long-distance dispersal (adaptations exist for long-distance dispersal and evidence that many seeds disperse greater than 100 meters from the parent plant)	4
U.	Unknown	

Score 2

Documentation:
Identify dispersal mechanisms:
Average seed mass of .00005 grams; if viable seeds produced, potential for transport by water. Seeds of L. nummularia have been observed from flood debris samples. Possible that plant might be able to be spread long distance via vegetative propagules but this has not been confirmed.
Sources of information:
Salisbury, 1974; Hughes & Cass. 1997; Mehrhoff et al., 2004; Gravuer, 2006.

2.3. Potential to be spread by human activities (both directly and indirectly – possible mechanisms include: commercial sales, use as forage/revegetation, spread along highways, transport on boats, contaminated compost, land and vegetation management equipment such as mowers and excavators, etc.)

A.	Does not occur	0
B.	Low (human dispersal to new areas occurs almost exclusively by direct means and is infrequent or inefficient)	1
C.	Moderate (human dispersal to new areas occurs by direct and indirect means to a moderate extent)	2
D.	High (opportunities for human dispersal to new areas by direct and indirect means are numerous, frequent, and successful)	3
U.	Unknown	

Score 3

Documentation:
Identify dispersal mechanisms:
Offered for sale since the 1800s and currently widely sold. Recently tested for weed suppressive groundcovers for use along roadsides and landscapes in Suffolk and Tompkins Cos. Mehrhoff et al. (2004) suggests there is potential for indirect dispersal by humans.
Sources of information:
Mack, 1991; Mehrhoff, 2004; Eom et al., 2005; Gravuer, 2006.

2.4. Characteristics that increase competitive advantage, such as shade tolerance, ability to grow on infertile soils, perennial habit, fast growth, nitrogen fixation, allelopathy, etc.

A.	Possesses no characteristics that increase competitive advantage	0
B.	Possesses one characteristic that increases competitive advantage	3

C. Possesses two or more characteristics that increase competitive advantage 6
U. Unknown

Score 6

Documentation:
Evidence of competitive ability:
Perennial, shade tolerant, fast growing.
Sources of information:
Mehrhoff, 2004; Gravuer, 2006.

2.5. Growth vigor

A. Does not form thickets or have a climbing or smothering growth habit 0
B. Has climbing or smothering growth habit, forms a dense layer above shorter vegetation, forms dense thickets, or forms a dense floating mat in aquatic systems where it smothers other vegetation or organisms 2
U. Unknown

Score 0

Documentation:
Describe growth form:
Forms smothering mats.
Sources of information:
Mehrhoff et al., 2004; Gravuer, 2006.

2.6. Germination/Regeneration

A. Requires open soil or water and disturbance for seed germination, or regeneration from vegetative propagules. 0
B. Can germinate/regenerate in vegetated areas but in a narrow range or in special conditions 2
C. Can germinate/regenerate in existing vegetation in a wide range of conditions 3
U. Unknown (No studies have been completed)

Score U

Documentation:
Describe germination requirements:
Seed production low but studies not done on germination or regeneration requirements.
Germinating seeds have been observed from flood debris samples.
Sources of information:
Ray, 1956; Salisbury, 1978; Bittrich & Kadereit, 1988; Hughes & Cass, 1997; Mehrhoff et al., 2004; Gravuer, 2006.

2.7. Other species in the genus invasive in New York or elsewhere

A. No 0
B. Yes 3
U. Unknown

Score 3

Documentation:
Species:
Lysimachia vulgaris scored High

Total Possible 22
Section Two Total 18

3. ECOLOGICAL AMPLITUDE AND DISTRIBUTION

3.1. Density of stands in natural areas in the northeastern USA and eastern Canada (use same definition as Gleason & Cronquist which is: "The part of the United States covered extends from the Atlantic Ocean west to the western boundaries of

Minnesota, Iowa, northern Missouri, and southern Illinois, south to the southern boundaries of Virginia, Kentucky, and Illinois, and south to the Missouri River in Missouri. In Canada the area covered includes Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, and parts of Quebec and Ontario lying south of the 47th parallel of latitude")

A.	No large stands (no areas greater than 1/4 acre or 1000 square meters)	0
B.	Large dense stands present in areas with numerous invasive species already present or disturbed landscapes	2
C.	Large dense stands present in areas with few other invasive species present (i.e. ability to invade relatively pristine natural areas)	4
U.	Unknown	

Score 2

Documentation:
Identify reason for selection, or evidence of weedy history:
Has been reported to occur in natural areas with few other invasives (Hilty, 2006) but others (e.g., Kennay & Fell, 1990) report it is not a problem in high-quality habitats. Known to invade high quality wetlands in NY with few other invasive plants but more commonly is in disturbed sites (NYNHP botanists). L. nummularia not seen in NY with > 1/4 acre coverage, but have seen occurrences that large outside of NY and all were disturbed sites (e.g. Rock Creek Park, DC (Lundgren pers. comm).
Sources of information:
Kennay & Fell, 1990; Hilty, 2006; Gravuer, 2006; S. Young, K. Smith and J. Lundgren (NYNHP) pers. comm.

3.2. Number of habitats the species may invade

A.	Not known to invade any natural habitats given at A2.3	0
B.	Known to occur in two or more of the habitats given at A2.3, with at least one a natural habitat.	1
C.	Known to occur in three or more of the habitats given at A2.3, with at least two a natural habitat.	2
D.	Known to occur in four or more of the habitats given at A2.3, with at least three a natural habitat.	4
E.	Known to occur in more than four of the habitats given at A2.3, with at least four a natural habitat.	6
U.	Unknown	

Score 6

Documentation:
Identify type of habitats where it occurs and degree/type of impacts:
See A2.3. Occurs in 4 natural habitats.
Sources of information:
Mehrhoff et al., 2004; Gravuer, 2006; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2008.

3.3. Role of disturbance in establishment

A.	Requires anthropogenic disturbances to establish.	0
B.	May occasionally establish in undisturbed areas but can readily establish in areas with natural or anthropogenic disturbances.	2
C.	Can establish independent of any known natural or anthropogenic disturbances.	4
U.	Unknown	

Score 2

Documentation:
Identify type of disturbance:
Occurs in undisturbed wetlands in NY but more commonly is found in disturbed areas.
Sources of information:

Mehrhoff et al., 2004; Czarapata, 2005; Gravuer, 2006; S. Young NYNHP Field Form Database; K. Smith and J. Lundgren (NYNHP) pers. comm.

3.4. Climate in native range

A. Native range does not include climates similar to New York 0
B. Native range possibly includes climates similar to at least part of New York. 1
C. Native range includes climates similar to those in New York 3
U. Unknown

Score 3

Documentation:
Describe what part of the native range is similar in climate to New York:
Southern Europe and temperate Asia.
Sources of information:
Gravuer, 2006; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2008.

3.5. Current introduced distribution in the northeastern USA and eastern Canada (see question 3.1 for definition of geographic scope)

A. Not known from the northeastern US and adjacent Canada 0
B. Present as a non-native in one northeastern USA state and/or eastern Canadian province. 1
C. Present as a non-native in 2 or 3 northeastern USA states and/or eastern Canadian provinces. 2
D. Present as a non-native in 4–8 northeastern USA states and/or eastern Canadian provinces, and/or categorized as a problem weed (e.g., "Noxious" or "Invasive") in 1 northeastern state or eastern Canadian province. 3
E. Present as a non-native in >8 northeastern USA states and/or eastern Canadian provinces. and/or categorized as a problem weed (e.g., "Noxious" or "Invasive") in 2 northeastern states or eastern Canadian provinces. 4
U. Unknown

Score 4

Documentation:
Identify states and provinces invaded:
Reported throughout all states in the Northeast & Canada.
Sources of information: See known introduced range in plants.usda.gov, and update with information from states and Canadian provinces.
U.S.D.A., 2008.

3.6. Current introduced distribution of the species in natural areas in the eight New York State PRISMs (Partnerships for Regional Invasive Species Management)

A. Present in none of the PRISMs 0
B. Present in 1 PRISM 1
C. Present in 2 PRISMs 2
D. Present in 3 PRISMs 3
E. Present in more than 3 PRISMs or on the Federal noxious weed lists 4
U. Unknown

Score 4

Documentation:
Describe distribution:
All PRISMs; see A1.1.
Sources of information:
Weldy & Werier, 2005; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 2008.

Total Possible	25
Section Three Total	21

4. DIFFICULTY OF CONTROL

4.1. Seed banks

A. Seeds (or vegetative propagules) remain viable in soil for less than 1 year, or does not make viable seeds or persistent propagules. 0
B. Seeds (or vegetative propagules) remain viable in soil for at least 1 to 10 years 2
C. Seeds (or vegetative propagules) remain viable in soil for more than 10 years 3
U. Unknown

Score: U

Documentation:
Identify longevity of seed bank:
Indications that seeds that set are largely inviable and those that are viable are short-lived, with "transient to short term persistence (Peat & Fitter, 2006). There are no specialized vegetative propagules. Need more information to answer this question.
Sources of information:
Ray, 1956; Salisbury, 1978; Bittrich & Kadereit. 1988; McDonald et al. 1996; Hughes & Cass. 1997; Gravuer, 2006; Peat & Fitter, 2006.

4.2. Vegetative regeneration

A. No regrowth following removal of aboveground growth 0
B. Regrowth from ground-level meristems 1
C. Regrowth from extensive underground system 2
D. Any plant part is a viable propagule 3
U. Unknown

Score: 1

Documentation:
Describe vegetative response:
Creeping stolons root at nodes.
Sources of information:
Salisbury, 1976; Mehrhoff et al., 2004; Gravuer, 2006.

4.3. Level of effort required

A. Management is not required: e.g., species does not persist without repeated anthropogenic disturbance. 0
B. Management is relatively easy and inexpensive: e.g. 10 or fewer person-hours of manual effort (pulling, cutting and/or digging) can eradicate a 1 acre infestation in 1 year (infestation averages 50% cover or 1 plant/100 ft^2). 2
C. Management requires a major short-term investment: e.g. 100 or fewer person-hours/year of manual effort, or up to 10 person-hours/year using mechanical equipment (chain saws, mowers, etc.) for 2-5 years to suppress a 1 acre infestation. Eradication is difficult, but possible (infestation as above). 3
D. Management requires a major investment: e.g. more than 100 person-hours/year of manual effort, or more than 10 person hours/year using mechanical equipment, or the use of herbicide, grazing animals, fire, etc. for more than 5 years to suppress a 1 acre infestation. Eradication may be impossible (infestation as above). 4
U. Unknown

Score: 3

Documentation:
Identify types of control methods and time-term required:
Hand pulling can be effective since stolons can be removed, and roots remaining in the soil

would not resprout. Prescribed buring can be successful. More research needed on herbicides. Wetland habitats can complicate these approaches due to regulations and physical difficulties.
Sources of information:
Kenny & Fell, 1990; Czarapata, 2005; Gravuer, 2006; D.Schrader & J.Glover pers.comm.

Total Possible	7
Section Four Total	4

Total for 4 sections Possible	84
Total for 4 sections	56

C. STATUS OF CULTIVARS AND HYBRIDS:

At the present time (May 2008) there is no protocol or criteria for assessing the invasiveness of cultivars independent of the species to which they belong. Such a protocol is needed, and individuals with the appropriate expertise should address this issue in the future. Such a protocol will likely require data on cultivar fertility and identification in both experimental and natural settings.

Hybrids (crosses between different parent species) should be assessed individually and separately from the parent species wherever taxonomically possible, since their invasiveness may differ from that of the parent species. An exception should be made if the taxonomy of the species and hybrids are uncertain, and species and hybrids can not be clearly distinguished in the field. In such cases it is not feasible to distinguish species and hybrids, and they can only be assessed as a single unit.

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