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Listing *Hemerocallis fulva* as an invasive species.

Several state and agency publications and websites currently list *Hemerocallis fulva* as an invasive species. Due to its long life span and use in erosion control, *H. fulva* is often found near old home sites and along drainage ditches. The same properties that allow it to flourish in these settings with no care can also allow it to be considered invasive in certain settings where its slowly spreading habit might displace some native plants over time.

Unfortunately there appears to be some confusion in properly identifying the rhizomatous *H. fulva* species and setting it apart from the non-invasive, clump forming hybrid daylily cultivars. To lessen the confusion, the American Hemerocallis Society encourages use of the following definitions to clarify the difference between the *H. fulva* species and hybrid daylily cultivars which are excellent garden plants:

Invasive Species:
Hemerocallis fulva

(Common names: Fulva, Tawny Daylily, Common Orange Daylily, Roadside Ditch Lily, and Tiger Lily).

H. fulva is an infertile triploid daylily which does not set seed but does spread by rhizomes. If left unattended it can form large colonies over time.



Photo by Linda Sue Barnes, *Hemerocallis fulva*

Alternatives:

Any of the thousands of commercially available hybrid daylily cultivars which are clump forming and are not invasive.

The American Hemerocallis Society, Inc. (AHS) is a non-profit organization. The AHS is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes, and especially to promote, encourage, and foster the development and improvement of the genus *Hemerocallis* and public interest therein.

For more information, visit the AHS website at www.daylilies.org.

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