



a Citizen Science Program to Detect and Report Invasive Species

To Whom It May Concern,

The holder of this letter is a volunteer citizen scientist working on behalf of the Invaders of Texas program. He/she is helping to track the distribution of invasive species of plants and animals in our region. Invasive species are organisms that are non-native to the ecosystem in consideration and cause or are likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.

The volunteers have been trained in identification and field techniques and have been provided with a set of equipment to collect data on particular species' presence, relative abundance and kind of environmental conditions in which they are found. They are monitoring areas designated by the Invaders program to help paint a picture of invasive species spread in both urban and wild land areas.

Once volunteers have completed field surveys, their data will be uploaded to a web-based database and made available to resource management entities and the general public. Their investigations are part of a national effort to map target invasive species and assist land managers in their control and eradication. Results will be updated regularly on our website, [www.texasinvasives.org](http://www.texasinvasives.org). You can check here for more information or contact the Invaders program director listed below.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dwaitt".

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