

Invasive Plants in the Deschutes River Corridor

Yellow Flag Iris

Many invasive plants affect our river corridor, and many are quite beautiful. One such insidious invasive found in the Meadow Day Use Area is yellow flag iris.

According to the [OSU-Extension Service](#), "there's a big problem with this lovely perennial iris. It is invasive and out-competes native riparian vegetation, including cattails, sedges and rushes, and it degrades native fish habitat, as well as bird nesting and rearing sites."

For an easy sighting of yellow flag iris in bloom in the spring, there's an abundance of them along the river at Sawyer Park and Riley Ranch. There's also several small pockets of it near the Meadow Day Use area.



*Yellow flag iris along the Deschutes River in Bend
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