Invasive plants in flora of the Russian Far East: the checklist and comments

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ABSTRACT
The paper presents a checklist of the species invading the natural phytocenoses of the Far Eastern Federal District of Russia (FEFD) that includes 40.6% of the state territory. It summarizes original data on distribution, habitats and invasive-ness status (IS) of 116 alien species belonging to 99 genera of 32 families. Eighteen species are only beginning to invade natural cenoses and have IS 3; 76 species intensively invade natural cenoses and are listed in the group with IS 2. Transformers are represented by 22 species with IS 1, of which *Ambrosia artemisiifolia*, *Bidens frondosa*, *Solidago canadensis*, *Impatiens glandulifera* and *Horehound junatrum* are most widely distributed. A very strong heterogeneity of the soil and climate conditions accounts for a considerable disparity in the list of alien species between various territorial units of the FEFD. Many species that actively colonize southern districts do not occur in the north, or only individual plants of them are reported. The article is a step towards the preparation of the Black Book of the Russian Far East flora and the basis for making decision on prevention the economic and environmental damage of the natural biodiversity of the region.

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Invasive alien plants can be a serious threat for the native species, communities and ecosystems in many regions of the world (McGeoch et al. 2010, Lemke et al. 2013, TeBeest et al. 2014). Invasive alien species alter ecosystems’ functions and cycles (Raizada et al. 2008), reduce natural species diversity through competition, hybridization and side effects (Ellstrand & Schierenbeck 2000, Gaertner et al. 2009), alter the structure of communities and genetic diversity (Plant Invasions 2013). Invasive species rarely cause direct economic damage but they all negatively affect the region’s ecology by altering the diversity and structure of communities (Vilà et al. 2009). The number and abundance of alien species seems to be closely linked to the considerable increase in the scope and volume of trade and transport communication, especially during the past 25 years (Levine & D’Antonio 2003,

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Ruiz & Carlton 2003, Hulme et al. 2009). That is why early identification, inventory and intensive elimination of invasive species are essential, especially in the context of the fast growth of tourism and trade (Monaco & Genovesi 2014).

The growing recognition of the negative impact of biological invasions on natural biodiversity led to the development of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the establishment of the Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (SCOPE) on biological invasions. The legislation of the European Community lists the prevention, minimization and mitigation of the negative impact on biodiversity of both intentionally and unintentionally introduced invasive alien species as high-priority tasks (Regulation EU № 1143/2014). Taking inventory of alien species (Hejda et al. 2009, Plant Invasions 2013, Nagendra et al. 2013, Monaco & Genovesi 2014), which will make it possible to assess the nature of the spread of alien species and predict the rate of their spread (Hulme 2003) is recognized as a priority. The inventory of alien plant species is a basis for the development of a strategic long-term plan for the conservation of the region’s biodiversity and prevention of the invasion of other non-native plant pests and diseases.

In Russia, the lists of the most aggressive alien plant species apart from individual articles (Panasesko 2014, Starodubtseva et al. 2014, Abramova 2013, Vinogradova et al. 2018) are published as Black Books. This work has been completed for Central Russia, Tver Region, Nizhny Novgorod Region, Siberia and Udmurtia (Vinogradova et al. 2010, Vinogradova et al. 2011, Mininzen & Trostina 2014, Ebel et al. 2016, Baranova 2016). For the Russian Far East, the spread of invasive alien species has not been summarized yet, so the purpose of this study is to make the list of invasive species invading the natural plant communities of the region.

**MATERIAL AND METHODS**

The territory the Far Eastern Federal District (FEFD) covers an area of 6,952,555 km², which is 40.6% of the total area of the country.

The work is based on the original data on the distribution and the invasiveness status of alien species provided by the researchers working in each district (authors of the article) for 9 territorial subjects of the FEFD:
- Amur Region [Amur] – E.V. Aistova & G.F. Darman; Chukotka Autonomous Area [Chuk] – M.G. Khoreva; Jewish Autonomous Region [Jew] – L.A. Antonova & T.A. Rubtsova; Kamchatka Territory [Kam] – E.A. Devyatova & O.A. Chernyagina; Khabarovsky Territory [Khab] – L.A. Antonova; Magadan Region [Mag] – D.S. Lyonsko & M.G. Khoreva; Primorsky Territory [Prim] – E.A. Marchuk, S.V. Prokopenko, E.P. Kudryavtseva & E.A. Chubar; Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) [Yak] – E.G. Nikolai; Sakhalin Region [Sakh] – V.Y. Sheiko, E.A. Marchuk & M.G. Khoreva.

The original data were added with numerous published materials and herbaria specimens (MHA, MW, LE, VBGI, VLA, MAG, SASY). The data for the Republic of Buryatia [Bur] and Zabaykalsky Territory [Zab] were previously published by Ebel et al. (2016).

General species distribution in Asian Russia was shown according the scheme of floristic districts used by Kharkkevich (1985) and Malyshev (1988) in the regional floras (Fig. 1).

The species invasiveness status was evaluated based on the level of ability of invasive species to affect natural ecosystems and on the peculiarities of their dissemination (Notov et al. 2011):
- **Status 1** (IS 1) – transformers (Richardson et al. 2000), which actively invade into the natural and seminatural communities; change the ecosystems; disrupt succession processes; are dominants, forming single-species dense plant communities; and force out and (or) obstruct the reproduction of native species;
- **Status 2** (IS 2) – alien species actively spreading and becoming naturalized within disturbed, seminatural and natural habitats;
- **Status 3** (IS 3) – alien species currently spreading and naturalizing in disturbed habitats; in the course of further naturalization, some of them will apparently be able to establish themselves in seminatural and natural communities;
- **Status 4** (IS 4) – potentially invasive species, which are able to propagate within places of introduction or behave as invasive species in adjacent regions.

**Uncertain status** (IS 7) – alien species that have the potential to invade natural plant communities, but are poorly studied at the present time in a particular region.

The species with an East Asian distribution, which were listed as invasive ones in any of the administrative territories of the FEFD, were not included in the list, as this process may be also viewed as the expansion of the natural habitat due to climate change. For example, *Euphrasia maximowiczii* Wettst. is one of such "controversial" species. Besides, species with a broad natural habitat, which in some of the regions are considered native, and in others as invasive taxa. For example, *Aeolosteulla vulgaris* (Koch) Fourr., *Arono nonon weyrichii* (F. Schmidt) H. Har, *Agristis stolonifera* L., *Alisma plantago-aquatica* L., *Althaea arundinacea* Poir., *Bromopsis inermis* (Leyss.) Holub, *Calamagrostis epigeios* (L.) Roth, *Echinocloa crusgalli* (L.) Beauv. *Gnaphalium uliginosum* L., *Polygonum aviculare* L., *Reynoutria sachalinensis* (Fr. Schmidt) Nakai, *Sonchus arvensis* L., *Vicia cracca* L. were not included in the list either. Listing the invasive plant species we assumed that the simultaneous inclusion of both native and invasive species in the list will block the elaboration of the legal documents for the control of the most aggressive taxa across the FEFD. These species may be later included in the regional lists of invasive species, and their distribution must be controlled within specific areas. We were guided by the same argument when we did not include in the list alien species that are classified as invasive in only one of the regions considered, but have not yet been registered in others. This primarily refers to the Primorsky Territory, where the largest number of species has been found that intrude into natural coenoses, for example, *Torgenia latifolia* (L.) Hoffm., *Hemerocallis fulva* (L.) L., *Epilobium hirsutum* L., *Centauria scabiosa* L., *Heliotrop bellidioides* (L.) Sweet., *Lycanthemum vulgare* Lam., *Xanthocallis tritice* (L.) Small., *Scorpiurus varia* (L.) Lassen., *Veronica bracteosa* Michx., *Plantago salsa* Pall.
We follow the broad species concept in this study. For example, *Rudbeckia hirta* var. *pulcherrima* Farw., *Phalacroloma annuum* (L.) Dumort. and *Ph. strigosum* (Muehl. ex Willd.) Tzvelev are combined together. This approach is based on the assumption that closely related invasive species must be controlled in full in broad scale and not only by botanists but also by conservation managers and volunteers. The nomenclature follows The Plant List database.

**LIST OF INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES OF THE FAR EASTERN FEDERAL DISTRICT**

**ACERACEAE**

*Acet negundo* L.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Bu, Us, SS.

**Prim:** IS 1; reproduces very well by seed, often occurs in natural communities, mostly floodplain communities, especially within the city boundaries or in the proximity of populated areas; in the vicinity of the town of Spassk forms forests in the floodplain of the Spasovka River replacing the native *Fraxinus mandshurica* and *Ulmus japonica* forests; **Sakh:** IS 2; reported from the southwestern, southeastern and Susunai mountain geobotanical districts (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab:** IS 1; widely used in landscaping; since the end of the 20th century, the abundant seed reproduction in parks, yards, sometimes lawns has been observed in the southern and central districts; escapes from culture forming thickets along rills, shallow rivers within the boundaries of populated areas (Antonova 2012, Vinogradova et al. 2018); **Jew:** IS 2; actively invades seminatural communities (Rubtsova 2000, 2002); **Amur:** IS 2; colonizes and naturalizes only disturbed habitats (Ebel et al. 2016); **Mag:** IS 2; individual plants occur in plantations in the city of Magadan, does not reproduce; **Kam:** IS 2; occurs in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky in the Nikolskaya Sopka area, the natural and historical site in forest margins and under the canopy of *Betula ermanii* forests (Devyatova et al. 2016).

**AMARANTHACEAE**

*Amaranthus retroflexus* L.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Bu, Us, Da, LZ, Tm_Tb, Ku, Om, To, No, Ke, Al, GA, Kr_Pu, Ha, Kr_Ve, Ty, Ir_An, Ch_Sh.

**Prim:** IS 3; a common weed species growing in populated areas, on waste grounds, in kitchen gardens, fields; **Sakh:** IS 2; reported from the southwestern, southeastern and Susunai mountain geobotanical districts (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab:** IS 1; widely used in landscaping; since the end of the 20th century, the abundant seed reproduction in parks, yards, sometimes lawns has been observed in the southern and central districts; escapes from culture forming thickets along rills, shallow rivers within the boundaries of populated areas (Antonova 2012, Vinogradova et al. 2018); **Jew:** IS 2; actively invades seminatural communities (Rubtsova 2000, 2002); **Amur:** IS 2; Bur: IS 4; colonizes and naturalizes only disturbed habitats (Ebel et al. 2016); **Mag:** IS 7; individual plants occur in plantations in the city of Magadan, does not reproduce; **Kam:** IS 2; occurs in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky in the Nikolskaya Sopka area, the natural and historical site in forest margins and under the canopy of *Betula ermanii* forests (Devyatova et al. 2016).
IS 3; reported from the Western Sakhalin montane area and Southern Sakhalin Plain (Barkalov & Taran 2004); Khab: IS 4; persistent segetal weed, less ruderal, sometimes grows in roadside areas, on river pebbles (Antonova 2012, Vinogradova et al. 2018); Jew: IS 3; reported mostly from kitchen gardens (Rubtsova 2017); Amur: IS 3; a prevalent species in ruderal habitats, often occurs in soybean and grain crops (Aistova 2009); Yak: IS 3; included in the list of species found after 1924 (Nikolin 2014); an agriophyte; agriophyte; colonizes dumpsites, ruins, cabbage fields; individual plants were found in 2008 in Okhotsk, very rarely in Kolyma (in 1975 near Susuman and near Kolymskoye village) (Lysenko 2012).

APIACEAE

Agapodium podagaria L.  
Distribution in Asian Russia: AL, GA, HA, Ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, No, Om, Tm_Tb, To.

Prim: IS 2; common (Kozhevnikov & Kozhevnikova 2011); Sakh: IS 2–3; cultivated on Kunashir Island (Fukuda et al. 2014); in the neighborhood of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, it escapes from the culture and invades the disturbed habitats: abandoned agrocenosis, forest edges; Khab: IS 7; recently has become a popular ornamental plant in the south, occurs along ditches and in roadside areas in garden associations (Antonova 2018); Kam: IS 4; occurs in residential areas in the city of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky and in Paratunka town; in all cases forms the monodominant communities suppressing natural vegetation; potentially invasive species (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

Carum carvi L.  
Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, Bu, Ch_Ka, Ch_Sh, Da, E_Al, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NB, No, Ok, Om, SB, SK, SS, Tm_HM, Tm_Tb, To, Ty, Us, Yk_Al, Yk_Vi.

Prim: IS 2–3; occurs along railroad tracks, on dumpsites, waste grounds, around buildings; reported from trampled clearings in forest margins of floodplain forests; Sakh: IS 3; mentioned for the Western Sakhalin montane area, Lamanon Coastal area and Poronaisky District (Barkalov & Taran 2004); Khab: IS 2; first reported from Selikhino station of Komsomolsky District (Schlotgauer & Schroeter 1969); forms thickets on crushed stony substrate, is a part of ruderalized meadows, reported from forest margins close to populated areas; in the northeast successfully naturalizes (Antonova 2012, Vinogradova et al. 2018); Jew: IS 2; Amur: IS 3; Yak: IS 4; included in the list of species found after 1926 (Nikolin 2014); occurs quite rarely, in central and southern areas, on meadows, in forest margins, on steppe slopes, in fallow fields and along the pebble roads; Mag: IS 3; an epeophyte, occurs on artificial artificial artificial meadows, waste grounds, in roadside areas, on lawns; rarely in Okhotsky FD (Magadan and surroundings, Ola, Talon, Arman, Spavnaya towns), very rarely in 2007 in Okhotsk-Kolyma FD (town of Talaya), in Kolyma FD (town of Orotukan; as individual plants in 2008, near the Matrosov town) (Lysenko 2012); Kam: IS 3; occurs everywhere in disturbed areas (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

Heracleum sosnowskyi Manden.  
Distribution in Asian Russia: Ka, SS.

Sakhal: IS 1; reported for the Southern Sakhalin Plain (Barkalov & Taran 2004); now an agriophyte, species which spreads along the roads in Southern Sakhalin Plain, forming dense thickets; invades the meadows and derivative forest communities; Kam: IS 1; occurs in Yelizovo District, an agriophyte (Chernyagina & Shtreker 2012, Abramova et al. 2017, Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018); introduced for silage crop in the fields of Kamchatka agricultural experimental station in the town of Sosnovka; nowadays, the species covers large areas on warm soils next to swimming pools, bore holes and pipelines of recreation facilities in the valley of the Paratunka River, and on lawns in neighbouring villages; the species was first reported in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky in 2004, where it naturalized near the heating pipe systems; it spreads along roadsides and along the courses of ditches and streams; in 2015, it was reported on the slope of a mud volcano 3 km away from the initial invasion spot; in 2018, it was first reported in the city of Vilyuchinsk; in all instances, the plants prefer well lit and warmed areas.

Pastinaca sylvestris Mill.  
Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, GA, Ir_An, Ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, No, Om, SB, Tm_Tb, To, Us.

Prim: IS 3; a common species, grows along roads, in the streets in populated areas, along railway tracks, sometimes occurs in large numbers; Khab: IS 1; in the southern part, massively spreads in the northern part of the forest area and railways, colonizes margins of broad-leaved forests (Antonova 2012); Jew: IS 1; Amur: IS 4; Burg: IS 4; in the south is a potentially invasive species; Yak: IS 7; known from one spot (estuary of the Khalmanda River), floodplain meadow (Cherosov 2012).

Pimpinella saxifraga L.  
Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, GA, Ha, Ka, Ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, No, Om, SB, Tm_HM, Tm_Tb, To, Ty, Us.

Prim: IS 3; occurs rarely, is common along railway tracks; Khab: IS 3; in southern part of the seashore; Amur: IS 7; almost does not invade seminatural and natural communities; Mag: IS 3; a colonophyte, reported from fallow fields, roadsides and lawns; in Okhotsky FD is rare (near the town of Sokol, near the town of Spavnaya, Magadan) (Lysenko 2012); Kam: IS 7; indicated as an alien plant in old collections, in roadsides (Pimenov 1987).

ASTERACEAE

Achillea millefolium L.  
Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, Am, Bu, Ch_Ka, Ch_Sh, Da, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr_Pu, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NB, No, NS, Ok, Om, SB, SS, Tm_HM, Tm_Tb, To, Ty, Us, Yk_Al, Yk_Vi.

Prim: IS 2; first reported by Vorob’ev (1954), “Yarrow very rapidly colonized the [Primorsky] area, now it occurs in many districts along roads and trails, in the places of intense pasture and thinned hedge coppeces (for example, near the village of Osinovka of Mikhailovsky District”); currently grows in roadside, on railway embankments, waste grounds, grazing grounds; in the northern part of the area (near the village of Angu) it is observed as solid thickets on seashore meadows; Sakhal: IS 3; reported from nearly all districts of the central and southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); Khab: IS 3; colonizes disturbed and semi disturbed forest and meadow communities, artificial forests; (Antonova 2012); Jew: IS 3; active on abandoned fields, meadows; Amur: IS 3; an epeophyte, occurs in roadside, on railway embankments, waste grounds (Aistova 2009); Yak: IS 7; a native species of natural graminoid communities, which easily colonizes disturbed landscapes in populated areas, kitchen gardens, fallow fields (Nikolin 2016); Mag: IS 2; an agriophyte; colonizes artificial meadows, fallow fields, roadside areas, lawns, floodplain meadows; rare in Okhotsky FD, very rare in Okhotsk-Kolyma FD (town of Stekolny, near the town of Talaya), rare in Kolyma FD (Lysenko 2012); Kam: IS 3; occurs in populated areas of Yelizovo,

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Milko, Ust-Bolsheretsk, Tigil and Karaga Districts (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018); Chuk: IS ?; rare, near the village of Beringovo (anthropogenic meadow in the seaport).

**Ambrosia artemisifolia L.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Ku, Us.

Prím: IS 1; reported for the first time in 1963 (Kudryavtseva et al. 2018), at present, broadly occurs in populated areas, roadsides, on waste grounds and in fallow fields, on railway embankments, in crops; penetrates into disturbed meadows, floodplain forests and river pebble deposits; *Sakh:* IS 1; reported from Southern Sakhalin Plain (Baraklov & Taran 2004); *Khab:* IS 1; invades ruderal habitats and disturbed meadows in southern areas (Antonova 2012); in the last five years massively colonized the outskirts of Khabarovsk City; *Jew:* IS 1; rare in former time (Aistova et al. 2014, Kozevnikov & Kozevnikova 2011), rapidly spread nowadays in whole region; most active in the area adjacent to the border with China, but individual plants are reported also in the city of Birobidzhan; *Amur:* IS 1; a colonophyte, reported for the first time by Nechaev (1998) and later by Starechenko (2001) from Arkhara District; collected again in 2004 on a railway embankment in the town of Kündur of Arkhara District (Aistova 2009); *Mag:* not in the list of invasive species, occurs as an ephememophyte on landfills; very rare in Okhotsky FD (near Magadan) (Lysenko 2012).

**Arctium lappa L.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, GA, Ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, No, SK, SS, Tm_Tb, Us.

Prím: IS 2; in populated areas, on dumpsites, in roadsides, regularly observed in floodplain forests, penetrates into moist and wet forests, forest margins and clearings; *Sakh:* IS 3; mentioned in the Schmidt Peninsula and several districts of the southern part of Sakhalin Island (Baraklov & Taran 2004); widespread on Kuril Islands (Kunashir and Iturup Islands) (Fukuda et al. 2014); *Khab:* IS 4; colonizes mostly ruderal nitrogen-rich habitats, rarely occurs in the margins of floodplain and broad-leaved forests not far from roads; *Kam:* IS 4; occurs rarely in Ust-Kamchatsk and Yelizovo Districts (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Arctium tomentosum Mill.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, No, NS, Om, SK, SS, Tm_HM, Tm_Tb, To, Ty, Us, Yk_Vi.

Prím: IS 2; grows in populated areas, on waste grounds, in roadsides, also reported from floodplain forests; *Sakh:* IS 3; reported from the Schmidt Peninsula, some districts of the central and southern Sakhalin (Baraklov & Taran 2004), is common on Kuril Islands (Kunashir and Iturup Islands) (Fukuda et al. 2014); *Khab:* IS 4 (Antonova 2012); *Jew:* IS 3; *Amur:* IS 2; an epecophyte; first found in Arkhara District in 1982 and in 1985 by Yashchenkova and Yakubov (VLA) on dump sites, along railway embankments, next to dwellings; currently occurs in ruderal habitats in Blagoveschensk District (Aistova 2009); *Yak:* IS 3; known from 1926 (Komatov 1926), Karavaev (1958) cited it as an alien plant in central Yakutia; occurs rarely, a large overgrown area was reported in a fallow field near the city of Lena; potentially aggressive weed species (Nikolin 2016); *Mag:* IS 3; a colonophyte, on artificial meadows, near fences, on landfills; very rare in Okhotsky FD (near Magadan, town of Talon) (Lysenko 2012); *Kam:* IS 3; occurs in ruderal habitats: next to dwellings, along roads, on laws in central and southern districts (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Artemisia annua L.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Bu, Ch_Sh, Ha, Ir_An, Kr_Ve, LZ, SB, Ty, Us.

Prím: IS 2; in roadsides, on dumpsites, waste grounds, kitchen gardens, grazing grounds, in fields, along railway tracks; penetrates into the mud, sand and pebble deposits along rivers, and occasionally even floodplain forests; *Khab:* sporadically occurs on lawns, in roadside areas, not an invasive species.

**Artemisia sieversiana Ehrh.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Am, Bu, Ch_Sh, Da, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NB, Nj, No, Ok, Om, SB, Tm_HM, Tm_Tb, To, Ty, Us, Yk_Al, Yk_Vi.

Prím: IS 3; an abundant plants, occur along the streets of populated areas, in roadsides, on waste grounds, dumpsites, in fallow fields, crops, on the seashore; *Khab:* IS 4; an abundant plants, colonize open habitats, which are not colonized by other species, may form monodominant communities, but do not withstand competition; *Yak:* IS ?; known from the central, southern and northeastern regions of Yakutia, is rarely introduced to the Arctic; grows on steppe slopes, ploughland, in fallow fields and as a weed in populated areas; occasionally forms large, almost monodominant communities (Nikolin 2016); *Mag:* IS 3; an epecophyte, occurs in fallow fields, on lawns, in kitchen gardens, artificial meadows, near fences; rare in Okhotsky FD (village of Gadiya, in 1975, in Magadan), Kolyms FD (town of Ust-Omchug, village of Verkhny Seimchan) (Lysenko 2012); *Kam:* IS 4; occurs in ruderal habitats in Ust-Kamchatsk and Bystrinsky Districts (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Artemisia vulgaris L.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Am, Bu, Ch_Ka, Ch_Sh, Da, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr_Pu, Kr_Ta, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NB, Nj, No, NS, Ok, Om, SB, SS, Tm_HMm, Tm_Tb, Tm_Ya, To, Ty, Us, Yk_Al, Yk_Ko, Yk_Ol, Yk_Vi, Yk_Ya.

Prím: almost does not invade seminatural and natural communities; *Sakh:* IS 2–3; reported from several districts of central and southern Sakhalin, where it invades the meadows (Baraklov & Taran 2004); now spreads in disturbed habitats and natural shrub communities along the coast of the Nevelskoy Strait; *Khab:* possibly a native species; *Amur:* IS 4; a colonophyte, occurs in Skovorodino, Zeya, Blagoveschensk, Bureiskiy and Konstantinovsky Districts, in roadsides (Aistova 2009); *Yak:* IS ? in central and southern areas in roadsides area, next to dwellings, in fallow fields; *Mag:* IS 3; an epecophyte, colonizes artificial meadows, roadsides, fallow fields, lawns, waste grounds; a weed in the crops of annual grasses, on gold mining tailings; frequently in Okhotsky and Kolyms FD (Lysenko 2012); *Kam:* IS 3 for Bystrinsky and Milkovo Districts; IS 4 in Yelizovo and Ust-Kamchatsk Districts (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Aster novae-angliae L.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Us.

Prím: IS 2–3; reported from abandoned garden, spreads along roads, invades disturbed scrub communities; *Sakh:* IS 3; *Khab:* grown as an ornamental plant, differs well from other species by large flower heads with purple ray florets and abundant hairs with glandular hairs; sometimes grows close to the areas where it is cultivated, is not included in the list of invasive species.

**Aster novi-belgii L.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** SK, SS, Us.

Prím, Sakh, Khab: IS 3; which escapes from culture forming persistent groups in ruderal habitats, along railway tracks, in road ditches, on waste grounds.
**Bidens frondosa L.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Bu, LZ, SK, Us.

**Prim:** IS 1; explosive spread of this species was observed on the islands of the Peter the Great Bay in bird colonies and security cordons (Chubar 2015); occurs often along roads, on dumpsites, in kitchen gardens; abundant on river pebble, recently it has been regularly reported from floodplain forests, less often from the banks of water bodies, wetlands, meadows, moist forests (Alnus japonica), among rocks; **Sak:** IS 2; reported for Kunashir Island (Barkalov 1992); **Khab:** IS 1; invades rills, road ditches, floodplains of small rivers (Antonova 2012); **Jew:** IS 1; **Amur:** IS 2; an epeophyte, first mentioned by Starchenko (2001); reported from Arkhara, Tambovsky, Ivanovo, Blagoveschensk, Belogorsky Districts (Aistova 2009).

**Carduus acanthoides L.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Bu, Us.

**Prim:** IS 2; found by Vorob’ev in 1951 on river pebble deposits and in willow stands near Anisimovka railway station, along Partianskaya (Suchan) River, in 1952 – in village Kishnyovka and in the floodplain of the Kiever River, and in 1962 – in large numbers in the city of Vladivostok (Vorob’ev 1954 (as Cirsium nutans L.), 1964); **Khab:** IS 1; **Jew:** IS 1; **Amur:** IS 2; a common segetal and ruderal species occupying Carduus acanthoides from Arkhara, Tambovsky, Ivanovo, Blagoveshchensk, Belogorsky Districts (Aistova 2009).

**Cirsium setosum (Willd.) M. Bieb.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Am, Bu, GA, Ha, Ka, Ke, Kr, TN, Kr Ve, Ku, LZ, NK, No, NS, Ok, Om, SK, SS, Tm_HM, Tm_Ya, To, Ty, Us, Yk Al.

**Prim:** IS 1; actively colonizes waste grounds, fields, kitchen gardens, banks of water bodies; according to Vorob’ev (1954, cited as C. arvensis), it is one of the most persistent weeds of the Far East, spreads deep in forest areas, where it colonizes not only pebble deposits, but also landslides and cliffs, and sometimes burnt forest areas; nowadays, it is an abundant species occurring in fields, kitchen gardens, along roads, in fallow fields and regularly found in forest margins and clearings; it also reported from shrub communities, Alnus japonica forests, on meadows; **Sak:** IS 2–3; reported from the Shmidt Peninsula and some districts of the central and southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab:** IS 2; a common segetal and ruderal species occupying various secondary habitats, rapidly colonizes disturbed natural communities, meadows, shrub communities, forest margins (Antonova 2012); **Jew:** IS 1; **Amur:** IS 3; an epeophyte, an abundant weed, occurs in forest margins and on felling sites, along river shores, in roadside areas, fallow fields, on railway embankments, in the fields and kitchen gardens (Aistova 2009); **Yak:** IS 2; probably a native meadow and steppe species acting as an aggressive weed at farmsteads, on waste grounds, in kitchen gardens, on ploughland, in fallow fields (Nikolin 2016); **Mag:** IS 2; an agrophyte, colonizes roadside areas, waste grounds, artificial meadows, fallow fields, landfills, gold mining tailings, river pebble deposits, sand and mud loads along river shores, floodplain willow stands and meadows, sedge fens, scree along roads: rare in Okhotsk FD, frequently in continental areas (Lysenko 2012); **Kam:** IS 4; an epeophyte, does not form communities (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Cyclachaena xanthifolia (Nutt.) Fresen.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Bu, Us.

**Prim:** IS 1; almost does not invade seminatural and natural communities; **Khab:** IS 7; occurs rarely as individual plants, most frequently next to railway stations, almost does not invade seminatural and natural communities (Antonova 2012); **Jew:** IS 2; in the south of the oblast forms solid stands up to 2 m high next to cattle-yards, in abandoned kitchen gardens; reported from populated areas near the Amur River, especially active on the territory of abandoned farms; reaches large size; **Amur:** IS 3; an epeophyte, first mentioned by Starchenko (2001); in 2002, 2003, 2005, new locations were found in the city Blagoveschensk and Konstantinovsky District (villages Konstantinovka and Novopetrovka); in the places where the species was introduced it is sustainable and tends to spread further (Aistova 2009).

**Galinsoga quadriradiata Ruiz & Pav.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Bu, Us.

**Prim:** IS 3; an abundant species in populated areas (Vladivostok, Nakhodka), common in the streets, on waste territory, in the south of Amur Region and the southern part of Sakhalin and Kuril Islands shaping the eastern part of the species range (Vinogradova 2005, Vinogradova et al. 2011).

**Prim:** IS 2; a common species, widespread in roadsides, fields, fallow fields, artificial meadows, grazing grounds, populated areas, penetrates into mud, sand and pebble deposits along rivers and the seashore, reported also from floodplain forests; **Sak:** IS 2; **Khab:** IS 3; **Jew:** IS 2; **Amur:** IS 2; an epeophyte, occurs next to dwellings, in fallow fields, on meadows, river pebble deposits, in roadsides, along trails and forest roads, in agricultural crops (Aistova 2009); **Bur:** IS 4 (in southern districts); first collected in 1990 (Ivanova 1991), nowadays belongs to potentially invasive species; **Zab:** not included in the list of invasive species (Ebel et al. 2016); **Yak:** IS 2; first mentioned by Komarov (1926) on the basis of old herbarium collections, without the indication of the precise position and storage place of the herbarium specimens.
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**Primula farinosa** L.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, LZ, No, SK, Us.

**Prim:** IS 2; within the boundaries of gardening allotments often escapes from culture; **Sakhal:** IS 4; reported for the districts of southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab:** IS 2; invades the communities of ruderal habitats and disturbed meadows, persists for a long time on forest clearings, where this species was planted for feeding the game animals (Antonova 2012); **Jew:** IS 2; Amur: IS 3; Bur: Zab: not included in the Black Book (Ebel et al. 2016); **Kam:** IS 3–4; reported in ruderal habitats in Milkovo and Bystrinsky Districts (central Kamchatka), with that in Bystrinsky Districts it does not enter herbs meadows next to a warm streams (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Lactuca serriola** L.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Ke, Ku, LZ, No, Om, Tm_Tb, Ty, Us.

**Prim:** IS 2; initially collected in 1972 in Vladivostok; recently has spread in large numbers across man-made habitats: in the streets of populated areas, on lawns, in road sides, on road slope sides and in ditches, on railway embankments, in fields, open pits; one of the pioneers in colonizing bare soil; invaded river pebble deposits along the bank of Khanka Lake in Khankaisky Nature Reserve (specimens in VLA); **Sakhal:** IS 3; reported for Southern Sakhalin Plain (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab:** IS 4; initially found in Khabarovsk in 1984; in the end of the 20th century spread massively into secondary habitats in the south of the Territory; nowadays, the boundary has shifted 400 km northward, but the species occurs less frequently and does not penetrate into the natural phytocenoses.

**Leontodon autumnalis** L.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Am, Bu, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr_Pu, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NK, No, NS, SB, SK, SS, Tm_Tb, To, Us.

**Prim:** IS 3; along roads, next to dwellings, on railway embankments, grazing grounds, waste grounds; **Sakhal:** IS 3; indicated for all districts of Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004), a prevalent naturalized species on Kuril Islands (Shikotan, Kunashir and Iturup) (Fukuda et al. 2014); **Khab:** IS 3; actively colonizes roadsides, areas along railway tracks; **Jew:** IS 4; Amur: IS 4; included in the group with status 4, however, in 2018 it was found on the pebble bank of the Bureya River downstream from Bureya hydropower station.

**Pilosella aurantiaca** (L.) F. Schultz et Sch. Bip.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Ka, NK, NS, SS, To.

**Sakhal:** IS 1–2; common on Kuril Islands (Kunashir Island, Iturup Island) (Fukuda et al. 2014) and mentioned almost for all districts of Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); common in the south of the island, actively penetrates into the meadow communities (Andreeva 2014) and forest plantations; abundance of this species decreases gradually
from the maximum in 1970; 

**Khab:** IS 2; has a limited distribution, first found in 2006; another species, *P. floribunda* (Winn. et Grab.) Fries, is more active in Territory; it grows not only in roadside but also in the margins of small-leaved forests; **Kam:** IS 2; occurs in Sobolevo and Yelizovo Districts, not only in disturbed habitats and on lawns but also on meadowy slopes of mud volcanoes (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Rudbeckia hirta** L.  
(incl. *R. bicolor* Nutt.).

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Ir._An, SK, To, Us.

**Prim:** IS 7; known from a limited number of habitats, but intensively naturalizes on Reineke Island (Peter the Great Bay); **Sakh:** IS 3; occurs on Kunashir Island (great numbers in the estuary of the Tyatina River) (Fukuda et al. 2014); **Khab:** cultivated, rarely goes in wilderness.

**Senecio vicosus** L.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Kr_Ve, SS, Tm_Tb, Us.

**Prim:** IS 2–3; common species in populated areas, also occurs in roadside areas, on rock dumps, railway embankments, penetrates under the canopy of oak forests in stony areas and seashore pebble deposits; **Sakh:** IS 2; introduced as an ornamental plant, occurs infrequently in southern and central districts (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Solidago canadensis** L.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Bu, Ka, No, SS, Us.

**Prim:** IS 1–2; escaped from culture, reported from sites along the roads, penetrates into floodplain and moist forests, common in shrub communities; **Sakh:** IS 2; mentioned for Southern Sakhalin Plain (Barkalov & Taran 2004); begun to spread recently, occupies various secondary habitats, quickly colonizes disturbed natural communities, meadows, shrub communities and forest margins; **Khab:** IS 1; invades ruderal habitats, disturbed meadows, fruit tree plantations forming monodominant communities (Antonova 2012); **Jew:** IS 1; **Amur:** IS 4; rarely occurs in small sites if not cultivated; **Kam:** IS 4; introduced as an ornamental plant, occurs infrequently (in southern and central districts), colonophyte (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Sonchus oleraceus** L.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Ch_Sh, Da, GA, Ir._An, Ir_Pr, Ke, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, No, Om, SB, SK, SS, Tm_HM, Tm_Tb, To, Us, Yk_Al, Yk_Vi.

**Prim:** IS 2; occurs frequently in populated areas, in roadways, on stony slopes and seashore pebble deposits; **Sakh:** IS 7; mentioned for the southeastern and southwestern districts, Southern Sakhalin Plain (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab:** IS 7; a weed and in small groups along ruderal habitats, no expansion have been indicated; **Yak:** IS 1–2; known since 1958 from Karavaev (1958), where it was mentioned as a rare weed in the vicinity of the town of Tommot and in the valley of the Lena River from the town of Olekminsk and downstream (probably up to the Aldan River); nowadays, occurs quite frequently in the central and southern districts, in field and kitchen gardens, fallow fields, on waste grounds, in roadways of unpaved roads, including moist salty soils; highly aggressive weed species with the continuing expansion trend; **Kam:** IS 7; occurs rarely, only along the roads.

**Taraxacum officinale** Wigg. s.l.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Am, Bu, Ch_Ka, Ch_Sh, GA, Ha, Ir._An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr_Pu, Kr_Ta, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NB, NK, No, Om, SB, SK, SS, Tm_HM, Tm_Tb, Tm_Ya, To, Ty, Us, Yk_Al, Yk_Ar, Yk_Ko, Yk_Ol, Yk_Vi, Yk_Ya.

**Prim:** IS 2; an abundant species, prevalent in kitchen gardens, fallow fields, along roads, on waste grounds, in populated areas; reported from seashore sands and pebble deposits along rivers and streams, as well as from forest clearings and in forests (more frequently in floodplain and moist forests); **Sakh:** IS 7; reported from almost all districts of Sakhalin, where it invades the meadows (Barkalov & Taran 2004), occurs on Kunashir and Iturup Islands (Fukuda et al. 2014); **Khab:** IS 4; an abundant synanthropic plant in seminatural communities may colonize only areas with open vegetation and stay for some time on felling sites, burnt forest areas and overgrowing fallow fields; **Mag:** IS 3; a colonophyte, very rare (Lysenko 2012); **Kam:** IS 3; an abundant synanthropic species (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Tripleurospermum inodorum** (L.) Sch.Bip.  
(*= T. perforatum* (Mérat) Lainz).

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Am, Bu, Ch_Sh, GA, Ha, Ir._An, Ir_Pr, Ka, ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, No, NS, Ok, Om, SB, SK, SS, Tm_HM, Tm_Tb, Tm_Ya, To, Ty, Us, YZ, Yk_Vi.
Prim: IS 2; occurs on the seashore, on sandy and pebble beaches in bays, on stony rockslides at the foot of cliffs, on weed-grown grass meadows in bird colonies; and in continental areas – on pastures and grazing grounds, in roadsides, on waste grounds, penetrates sand and pebble deposits along rivers; Sakh: IS 2; reported from almost all districts of Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); Khab: IS 7; a ruderal species that colonized large areas, almost does not invade seminatural and natural communities (Antonova 2012); Amur: IS 2; an eptecophyte, occurs on meadows, in roadsides, on river banks, in crops, next to dwellings, in ruderal habitats, prevalent; Bur, Zab: IS 3 (Ebel et al. 2016); Yak: IS 3; first mentioned by Karavaev (1958) as cultivated and rare weed plant from the vicinity of the cities Yakutsk and Olekminsk; nowadays known from the lower Kolyma River (Cherosov 2012), where it colonizes waste grounds, mounds of earth along the walls of peasant’s houses, roadside areas; along the Lena River enters southern and probably central Yakutia from Irkutsk Region (Tolmachev 1974); potentially dangerous and aggressive species (Nikolin 2016); Mag: IS 3; an eptecophyte, colonizes roadsides, waste grounds, fallow fields, trampled man-made meadows, as a weed occurs in annual grass crops, on gold mining tailings (Lysenko 2012); Kam: IS 3; occurs only in ruderal habitats (Chernyagina & Dyevatova 2018); Chuk: IS 7; indicated for Markovo village (Yurtsev et al. 2010).

Tussilago farfara L.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, Bu, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Kú, NB, No, Ok, SB, SS, Tm_Tb, Tm_Ya, To, Us, VN, Ya, Al, Bu, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Kú, NB, No, Ok, SB, SS, Tm_Tb, Tm_Ya, To, Us, VN, Ya.

Prim: IS 2–3; reported along railway tracks and roads, especially on mountain slopes; at the end of the 20th century according to evaluation by Nечаева (1998) species was known from Vladivostok and harbour Vostochnaya and did not showed spreading beyond that area; nowadays, the species is common in the Territory (cities Vladivostok, Nakhodka, town Shkotovo), sometimes invades into open slopes along roads and rills with landslides; Sakh: IS 3; reported from the districts of the southern part of Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); started spreading in the 1970s; in most disturbed habitats; transforms the plant communities in the natural sanctuary "Yuzhno-Sakhalinsky Mud Volcano"; Khab: IS 3; has been reported as a species that escaped from culture since the beginning of the 21st century; grows in wet grasslands, ditches, recently has occurred in disturbed broad-leaved forests next to garden allotments; Jew: IS 4; Yak: IS 7; first mentioned for central Yakutia by Komarov; Karavaev (1958) gave detail information on loamy habitat, cited from the only collection from the first half of the 19th century but herbarium specimen was in badly damaged; relatively recently was found on bare valley sites 10–15 km away from the estuary of the Pilka River (right tributary of the Lena River, southern Yakutia); included in the list of dangerous and aggressive weed elements in the flora of Yakutia (Nikolin 2016); Mag: IS 7; an eptecophyte on weed-grown sandy seashore cliffs and beaches (Lysenko 2012); Kam: IS 3; common species along the roads, on lawns in the populated areas of the central and southern districts; reported in the north, in the village of Palana (Chernyagina & Dyevatova 2018).

Xanthium sibiricum L. (Widd.) H. Scholz.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, Bu, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ka, Ke, Kr_Ve, LK, No, SS, Tm_HM, Tm_Tb, Us.

Prim: IS 7; does not invade seminatural and natural communities; Khab: IS 2; invades ruderal habitats and disturbed meadows, on sandy and mud banks of the Amur River and its tributaries may dominate riverside plant aggregations; Jew: IS 2, common species in the outskirts of populated areas, on wastelands, landfills (Antonova et al. 2015); Amur: IS 3; an ephemeralphyte, first collected in 1995 r. by Kudrin (2004) in Arkhara District; in 2005, it was reported from Mikhailovsky District in soybean crops and at the edge of a field (Aistova 2009); Bur, Zab: not included in the Black Book (Ebel et al. 2016); Mag: an ephemeralphyte (Lysenko 2012).

Xanthium strumarium L.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, Bu, Ha, Kr_Ve, LK, No, SS, Tm_HM, Tm_Tb, Us.

Prim (Xanthium strumarium subsp. sibiricum): IS 2; common in populated areas on dumpsites, waste grounds, along roads and on river pebble deposits (Prokopenko 2011); Sakh: IS 7; mentioned only for the southwestern area of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004); Khab: IS 2; invades ruderal habitats and disturbed meadows, on sandy and mud banks of the Amur River and its tributaries may dominate riverside plant aggregations; Jew: IS 2; Amur: IS 4; an eptecophyte, first herbarium collections (by Maximovics) was dated by 1856 (VLA); collected in the roadside in the village "Tambovka of Tambovsky District (Aistova 2009); Mag: an ephemeralphyte (Lysenko 2012).

BALSAMINACEAE

Impatiens glandulifera Royle

Distribution in Asian Russia: Bu, Ch_Sh, GA, Ka, SS, Us, VN.

Prim: IS 1; in some places abundant; in populated areas along roads, on dumpsites, penetrates into river and stream pebble deposits, moist forests (particularly Alnus japonica forests) and wet meadows; Sakh: IS 3; reported for almost all districts of central and southern Sakhalin, mainly in ruderal habitats (Barkalov & Taran 2004), found on Kuril Islands (Shikotan and Kunashir) (Fukuda et al. 2014); Khab: IS 1; invades rills, road ditches, floodplains of small rivers (Antonova 2012); Jew: IS 1; naturalizes in various phytocenoses; Amur: IS 3; Bur: IS 3; colonizes and naturalizes disturbed habitats; Zab: IS 4; potentially invasive species (Ebel et al. 2016); Kam: IS 1; reported only from the Kamchatka Peninsula, colonizes ruderal habitats (yards, ditches, roadside areas), in the vicinity of the cities Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky and Yelizovo covers large areas on the slopes of mud volcanos in residential areas, areas along streams and under forest canopy (Chernyagina & Dyevatova 2018, Abramova et al. 2017).

Impatiens parviflora DC.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, Bu, GA, LK, Us.

Prim: IS 2; an aggressive species; at the beginning of the 21st century was found in Vladivostok, nowadays spreads massively and penetrates into the natural and slightly disturbed communities; Khab: IS 2; first found in the city of Khabarovsk (arboretum) in 1964, and it was the only place from where it was known for a long time (Kozhevennikova & Kozhevennikov 2016); nowadays penetrates into the rills, secondary or disturbed forest communities with a thin shrub layer, floodplains of small rivers; Jew: IS 2; Amur: IS 7; in city of Blagoveshchensk (Starchenko et al. 2017).

BORAGINACEAE

Echium vulgare L.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, Bu, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ka, Ke, Kr_Ve, Kú, No, Om, SB, SS, Tm_Tb, To, Us.

Prim: IS 3; prevalent in roadsides and on dumpsites. Massively spreads under overhead power lines and along oil and gas pipelines in Shkotovsky and Partizansky districts; Sakh:
IS 2; mentioned for some districts of central and southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004), in culture on Kunashir Island, goes in wilderness (Fukuda et al. 2014); **Khab:** very rare, cultivated as an ornamental plant; **Kam:** encountered once in Yelizovo District (at a path), a colonophyte (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

*Neona rossica* Stev.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Ch_Sh, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, No, Ok, Om, SB, Tm_Tb, To, Ty, Us, Yk_Al.

**Prim:** IS 2; along roads, on pebble deposits, waste grounds and abandoned fields in Shkolovskoy and Mikhailovsky Districts, continues to spread successfully (Vorob’ev 1954, 1964, as *N. palla* (L.) DC., Nedoluzhko & Likhachyova 1986, as *N. palla* (L.) DC. subsp. *rossica* (Stev.) Soo); **Khab:** IS 2; individual plants were found in the city of Khabarovsk by Nebaikin in 1980s; **Yak:** IS 2; found in mid 1980s; occurs rarely; some locations were reported from central (city of Yakutsk) and southern districts; in abandoned kitchen gardens, fallow fields, roadside areas (Nikolin 2016); the area on which the localities were found in the vicinity of the city of Yakutsk was allotted for summer cottage construction (the species may disappear); potentially dangerous species; **Mag:** IS 2; a colonophyte, occurs in fallow fields, on lawns, as a weed in annual grass crops, on felling sites (Lyensenko 2012).

*Symphytum caucasicum* M. Bieb.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Ch_Sh, Ka, Ku, SS, Tm_Tb, Us.

**Prim:** IS 2; widely cultivated in populated areas, recently (neighbourhood of the city of Nakhodka) has penetrated into the ruderal meadow and roadside shrub communities, margins of disturbed forests; **Sakha:** IS 4; cultivated in southern Sakhalin; **Khab:** IS 1; at the beginning of the 21st century was widely cultivated as an ornamental plant, during the past decade has colonized rills, abandoned flowerbeds, occurs in road ditches and forest margins close to populated areas; in favourable conditions forms monodominant communities; **Kam:** IS 2; reported from many districts, in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky spreads from the areas where it is cultivated not only to ruderal habitats but also to meadowy slopes of mud volcanos, invading natural communities; also common in the city of Yelizovo and neighbouring towns, in the north of the peninsula – in the town of Palana (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**BRASSICACEAE**

*Armoracia rusticana* Gaertn.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Bu, LZ, Ch_Sh, Ha, Ir_An, Ka, Ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, No, Ok, Om, SB, SS, Tm_Tb, To, Ty, Us.

**Prim:** IS 3; is cultivated, occurs as a wilding on wet weed-grown meadows near populated areas, along roads; **Sakha:** IS 3; reported from Tymsky District and Southern Sakhalin Plain (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab:** IS 3; invades ruderal meadow and shrub communities, margins of disturbed forests; **Jew:** IS 3; **Amur:** IS 3; **Bur:** IS 4; potentially invasive species; **Zab:** not included in the Black Book (Ebel et al. 2016); **Mag:** IS 2; colonophyte, epeophyte, colonizes artificial meadows, roadside areas, ruins, abandoned kitchen gardens, stream banks in populated areas (Lyensenko 2012); **Kam:** IS 4; colonophyte, occurs in abandoned kitchen gardens, roadsides (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Berteroa incana** (L.) DC.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Am, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ka, Ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, No, Ok, Om, SB, SS, Tm_Tb, To, Ty, Us, Yk_Al.

**Prim:** IS 2–3; in populated areas along streets, on railway embankments, in fields, fallow fields, along roads; **Sakha:** IS 2; is reported for Western Sakhalin Mountainous Area and Southern Sakhalin Plain (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab:** IS 4; forms continuous cover on dry slopes along railway tracks; **Amur:** IS 3; **Yak:** IS 2; included in the list of species found before 1926 (Komarov 1926, Nikolov 2014, 2016); meadow and steppe species acting as a ruderal and segetal weed; occurs rarely, in southern districts; **Mag:** IS 7; a colonophyte, colonizes fallow fields, lawns; individual plants (Lyensenko 2012); **Kam:** IS 4; occurs sporadically in man-made habitats (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

*Brassica juncea* (L.) Czern.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Ch_Sh, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ke, Kr_Pu, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, NB, NK, No, Ok, Om, SB, SS, Tm_Tb, To, Ty, Us, Yk_Al.

**Prim:** IS 2–3; prevalent in fields, on waste grounds, along roads, on railway embankments; penetrates river pebble deposits (Prokopenko 2011); **Sakha:** IS 2; reported for almost all districts of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab:** IS 2; a crop weed, individual plants occur in ruderal habitats, is not included in the list of invasive species; **Yak:** a rare weed cited for central Yakutia by Komarov (1926) according to old collections. A potentially dangerous segetal species, which has not yet become prevalent in Yakutia; **Mag:** an ephemerophyte; roadside areas, kitchen gardens, weeds in the crops of annual grasses (Lyensenko 2012).

*Bunias orientalis* L.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ka, Ke, Kr_Pu, Kr_Ve, Ku, No, NS, SB, SS, Tm_Tb, To, Us, Yk_Al.

**Prim:** IS 2–3; in populated areas along roads, along field edges, in ruderal habitats, on the seashore, in the vicinity of the city of Nakhodka penetrates disturbed forest clearings and margins; **Sakha:** IS 2; reported from some districts of central and southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab:** several times was found in the vicinity of the city of Khabarovsk, not included in the list of invasive species; **Yak:** first mentioned by Galaktionova (Tolmachev 1974) as a weed near the city of Aldan; the plant was not collected later; **Kam:** IS 4; occurs only in Yelizovo and Uss-Bolshereker Districts, sporadically in anthropogenic habitats (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

*Cakile edentula* (Bigelow) Hook.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** SK, SS, Us.

**Prim:** IS 2; in all bays of Khasansky District from Sivuchya Bay in the south up to the De-Frız Peninsula near Vladivostok; in 2013, it was found on the sandy shores in Narva Bay, where it occurs sporadically, as individual plants or as thinned groups of several individuals only in open plant communities of the supralittoral zone (Kozhevnikova & Kozhevnikov 2016); invades supralittoral communities, quickly reproduces and pushes out native species (Fukuda et al. 2013); **Sakha:** IS 7; south of Sakhalin Island (Smirnov 2009), in Kuril Islands (Kunashir and Iturup) is common on sandy seashore, rare on Shikotan Island (Fukuda et al. 2014).

*Capsella bursa-pastoris* (L.) Medik.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Am, Bu, Ch_Ka, Ch_Sh, Co, Da, E_Al, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kl, Kr, Kr_Pu, Kr_Ta, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NB, NJ, NK, No, NS, Ok, Om, SB, SS, Tm_HM, Tm_Tb, Tm_Ya, To, Ty, Us, UZ, Yk_Al, Yk_Ar, Yk_Ko, Yk_Ol, Yk_Vi, Yk_Ya.

**Prim:** IS 2–3; in populated areas along streets, on railway embankments, in fields, kitchen gardens, fields, on grazing grounds,
along roads, in some places invades river pebble deposits; **Sakhal**: IS 3; reported from almost all districts of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004), a common synanthropic species in Kuril Islands (Fukuda et al. 2014); **Khab**: IS 7; the species introduced at the initial stages of the region's exploration and colonized all suitable ecological niches, no invasion trends to seminatural and natural communities are observed; **Amur**: IS 3; **Yak**: IS 2; included in the list of species found before 1926 (Komarov 1926) very aggressive weedy species (Nikolin 2014, 2016); **Mag**: IS 3; epeophyte, colonizes waste grounds, roadside areas, trampled artificial meadows, kitchen gardens, potato fields; rare in all districts (Lysenko 2012); **Kam**: IS 3; occurs in all districts, epeophyte (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Descurainia sophia (L.) Webb ex Prantl**

**Distribution in Asian Russia**: Al, Ch_Sh, GA, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kl, Kr, Kr_Pu, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NB, No, Ok, Om, SB, SS, Tm_HM, Tm_Tb, To, Ty, Us, Yk_Al, Yk_Ko, Yk_Ol, Yk_Vi, Yk_Ya.

**Prim**: does not invade seminatural and natural communities. **Sakhal**: IS 7; reported from the southwestern area and Southern Sakhalin Plain (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab**: introduced at the initial stages of the region’s exploration and colonized all suitable ecological niches, no invasion trends to seminatural and natural communities are observed; **Amur**: IS 4; epeophyte, first collections were registered in 1859 by Maximowicz in the vicinity of Chinese village Dzikiria; nowadays occurs rarely in the Region, usually associated with disturbed and ruderal habitats (Aistova 2009); **Yak**: IS – included in the list of species found before 1926 (Nikolin 2014). A prevalent highly aggressive segetal and ruderal species, status 3. **Mag**: IS – an agrophyte, colonizes abandoned kitchen gardens, landfills, waste grounds, gold mining tailings, pebble deposits. Rarely in Okh., Okh.-Kol., Kol. (Lysenko 2012), status 3. **Kam**: IS – sporadically occurs next to dwellings, along roads, in fields and kitchen gardens, status 4 (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Hesperis matronalis L.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia**: Bu, Ka, SK, Us.

**Prim**: IS 2; recently has escaped from culture massively and occurs near populated areas and in allotment gardens, on waste grounds, dumpsites, in forest margins; **Khab**: IS 4; reported since the end of the 20th century as a wildling, waste grounds, dumpsites, in forest margins; occurs near populated areas and in allotment gardens, on waste grounds, gold mining tailings, pebble deposits. Rarely in Okh., Okh.-Kol., Kol. (Lysenko 2012), status 3. **Mag**: IS – on railway embankments, along roads, in fields and kitchen gardens, status 4 (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Lepidium densiflorum Schrad.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia**: Al, Am, Bu, Ch_Ka, Ch_Sh, Da, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Kl, Kr_Ve, LZ, NB, No, NS, Ok, Om, SB, SS, Ty, Us, UZ, Yk_Al, Yk_Vi, Yk_Ya.

**Prim**: IS 2; abundant species in populated areas, is also common in roadside areas, on waste grounds, in trampled areas, on sands and pebble along the seashore and river valleys; **Sakhal**: IS 7; reported for districts in all parts of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab**: IS 7; the species introduced at the initial stages of the region’s exploration and colonized all suitable ecological niches, no invasion trends are observed; **Bur, Zab**: status requires clarification (Ebel et al. 2016); **Yak**: IS 7; occurs in central, southern, northwestern and arctic regions but less frequently than a closely related species – *L. apetalum* Willd; both species are highly aggressive ruderal and pasture weeds (Nikolin 2016); **Mag**: IS 7; epeophyte; road sides, waste grounds, trampled artificial meadows (Lysenko 2012); **Kam**: IS 4; rare, reported only from the populated areas of Yelizovo District (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Thlaspi arvense L.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia**: Al, Ch_Sh, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kl, Kr, Kr_Pu, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NB, No, Ok, Om, SB, SS, Tm_Tb, Tim_Ya, To, Ty, Us, Yk_Al, Yk_Vi.

**Prim**: IS 2; prevalent as a weed, grows in roadside areas, on waste grounds, in fields, along railway tracks, in some places reported from pebble and sand deposits along rivers and seashore and from floodplain forests; **Sakhal**: IS 7; the species introduced at the initial stages of the region’s exploration and colonized all suitable ecological niches, no invasion trends to seminatural and natural communities are observed; **Amur**: IS 3; an epeophyte, a prevalent weed (Aistova 2009); **Yak**: IS 3; included in the list of species found before 1926 (Komarov 1926, Nikolin 2014); prevalent and highly aggressive segetal and ruderal species in central and southern districts (Nikolin 2016); **Mag**: IS 3; epeophyte, colonizes roadside areas, kitchen gardens, waste grounds, artificial meadows, gold mining tailings (Lysenko 2012); **Kam**: IS 4; occurs mostly in disturbed areas (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018); **Chuk**: IS 7; collected near the Lorino’s hot springs (Khokhryakov 1985) and in the middle reaches of the Bol. Anyui River (Baima settlement); weed plant (Jurtsev et al. 2010).

**Turritis glabra L.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia**: Al, Ch_Sh, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, NB, No, NS, Om, SB, SK, SS, Tm_HM, Tm_Tb, To, Us.

**Prim**: IS 2–3; on railway embankments, along roads, reported from stony slopes and mountain tops, in shrub communities, on pebble along rivers; **Sakhal**: IS 7; reported from many districts of central and southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab**: occurs sporadically on railway embankments, along roads, on stony slopes, less frequently on pebble deposits along rivers; is not included in the list of invasive species.

**Velerum officinale (L.) Reichenb. (= Sisymbrium officinale (L.) Scop.)**

**Distribution in Asian Russia**: Al, Bu, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ke, Kr_Ve, LZ, No, Om, SK, SS, Tm_Tb, To, Us, Yk_Vi.

**Prim**: IS 2–3; abundant species in populated areas, in road- sides, trampled areas, penetrates into the river banks; **Sakhal**: IS 7; reported for the southern districts of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab**: the species introduced at the initial stages of the region’s exploration and colonized all suitable ecological niches, no invasion trends are observed; **Bur**: IS 4 (Ebel et al. 2016). **Yak**: first mentioned by Karavaev (1958) as a very rare weed reported from the ruderal habitats in the vicinity of the city of Yakutsk; potentially dangerous weed, but not very active (Nikolin 2016).

**CAMPANULACEAE**

**Campanula rapunculoides L.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia**: GA, Ka, SB, SS, To, Us.

**Prim**: IS 7; massively escapes from culture and penetrates into various phytocenes. **Sakhal**: IS 3; reported from the southern districts of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab**: cultivated as an ornamental plant, occasionally goes in wilderness, does not invade seminatural and...
natural communities, not included in the list of invasive species; **Kam**: IS 4; occurs in Bystrinsky, Yelizovo and Milkovo Districts (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**CANNABACEAE**

*Cannabis sativa L.*

**Distribution in Asian Russia**: Al, Am, Bu, Ch_Ka, Ch_Sh, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr_Pu, Kr_Ta, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, NB, NK, No, Om, SB, SS, Tm_HM, Tm_Tb, To, Ty, Us, Yk_Ai, Yk_Ko, Yk Vi, Yk_Ya.

**Prim**: IS 2; occurs rarely on dumbsites and along roads; reported from floodplain forests and *Alnus japonica* forests; **Sakh**: IS 3–4; mentioned for the southwestern area of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004); the species is very rare, exclusively cultivated; naturalization has not been noted; **Khab**: occurs as individual plants in ruderal habitats, occasionally in disturbed meadow and shrub communities; not included in the list of invasive species; **Yak**: IS 2–3; first mentioned by Tarabubin (1932). "Occurs on sandy soils, along rivers, on dumbsites, sandy fallow fields, along roads, on sandy slopes and in forest margins"; later, Karavaev (1958) mentioned it as a rare weed for central (including Vilyui areas) and southern districts; nowadays, the species is not rare and in some places forms dense communities on waste grounds and in fallow fields; government agencies comb the spread of the species as a source of raw materials for illegal drug manufacture; dangerous and a highly aggressive segetal and ruderal weed; **Mag**: ephemorophyte, reported on landfills, very rarely in the vicinity of Magadan (Lysenko 2012); **Kam**: cited according to old collections from central Kamchatka, but recently it has not been reported.

**Humulus lupulus L.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia**: Al, Ch_Ka, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, No, Om, SB, SS, Tm_HM, Tm_Tb, To, Us.

**Prim**: IS 2; **abundant species**, occurs frequently; according to Vorob’ev (1954) "Common hop penetrated riverside forests and shrubs and spread near the village of Glazovka in Primorsky District"; **Sakh**: IS 4; reported for some districts of central and southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab**: IS 1; penetrates into rills, road ditches, floodplains of small rivers (Antonova 2012); **Jew**: IS 1; reported both from populated areas and phytocenoses disturbed by human activity, spreads quickly in the vicinity of Magadan (Lysenko 2012); **Kam**: IS 4; **colonolbyote** in Bystrinsky, Milkovo and Yelizovo Districts (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**CARYOPHYLLACEAE**

*Cerastium holosteoides Fr.*

**Distribution in Asian Russia**: Al, Am, Bu, Ch_Sh, Co, Da, E, Al, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NB, NK, No, NS, Ok, Om, SB, SK, SS, Tm_HM, Tm_Tb, To, Ty, Us, UZ.

**Prim**: IS 2; prevalent species, occurs in roadside areas, fields, on sand and pebble deposits along rivers and on the seashore, occasionally reported on dry meadows, in forest margins, floodplain forests, and moist *Alnus japonica* forests; **Sakh**: IS 2; reported for districts in all parts of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004), common on Iturup Island (Fukuda et al. 2014); **Khab**: does not invade seminatural and natural communities (Antonova 2012), not included in the list of invasive species; **Yak**: IS 2; first mentioned by Komarov (1926) for central districts; later was mentioned by Karavaev (1958) as a rare weed; potentially dangerous weed, but not very active (Nikolin 2016); **Mag**: IS 3; ephemorophyte, colonizes waste grounds, roadside areas, artificial meadows, fallow fields (Lysenko 2012); **Kam**: IS 3; occurs in all districts, except Penzhinsky District; a common species in disturbed habitats (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Saponaria officinalis L.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia**: Al, SK, SS, Us.

**Prim**: IS 2–3; common in roadsides, on dumbsites, especially in Shkotovsky District; according to Vorob’ev (1954), it occurs on pebble deposits and in open associations of the Sukhodol (Kangaiz) River valley; **Sakh**: IS 2; mentioned for Tymsky District of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004), reported from Iturup Island as an escape from culture (Fukuda et al. 2014); **Khab**: cultivated, sometimes goes in wilderness and can grow during a long time on railway embankments and in roadside areas; not included in the list of invasive species; **Bur**: IS 4; potentially invasive species capable of reproduction, occasionally invading seminatural communities (Ebel et al. 2016).

**Scleranthus annuus L.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia**: Bu, Ha, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, No, NS, SS, Us.

**Prim**: IS 2; **frequently occurs** in northern districts, found on sands and rocks of the seashore in Dalnegorsk District (Vorob’ev 1964); common along roads, reported from pebble and sand deposits along rivers; **Sakh**: IS 7; reported from some districts of central and southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab**: occurs in small groups or bands on crushed stony and loamy roadside areas, less frequently along pebble and muddy river banks, is not included in the list of invasive species.

**Spergula arvensis L.**

**Distribution in Asian Russia**: Al, Am, Bu, Da, GA, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr_Pu, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NJ, NK, No, NS, OK, Om, SK, SS, Tm_HM, Tm_Tb, Tm_Ya, To, US, UZ, Yk_Vi.

**Prim**: IS 3; reported from fields, kitchen gardens, along roads, railway embankments; **Sakh**: IS 2; reported from districts in all parts of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004), in Kuril Islands it occurs often in Kunashir and Iturup Islands (Fukuda et al. 2014); **Khab**: weed and a ruderal species, in the east of the Territory often occurs far from populated areas in the roadside areas of logging roads, not included in the list of invasive species; **Amur**: IS 3; ephemorophyte, a weed, may be used as fodder (Aistova 2009); **Yak**: first mentioned by Karavaev (1958) as a rare weed, occurring in crops and kitchen gardens, in central and southern districts; nowadays, it is still rare, but spreads with the crop plant seeds; potentially dangerous weed but not very active (Nikolin 2016); **Mag**: IS 2; **agrophytore**, colonizes potato fields, kitchen gardens, "young" fallow fields, waste grounds, pebble and sand and mud deposits along river banks, a weed in annual grass crops (Lysenko 2012); **Kam**: IS 4; common in disturbed habitats, from which it quickly disappears (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**CONVOLVULACEAE**

*Convolvulus arvensis L.*

**Distribution in Asian Russia**: Al, Bu, Ch_Sh, Da, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ke, KL, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NK, No, NS, Ol, Om, SB, SK, SS, Tm_Tb, To, Ty, Us, Yk_Vi.

**Prim**: IS 3; on railway embankments, in fields, kitchen gardens, along roads; **Sakh**: IS 2; reported from some districts of central and southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004),
reported from the city of Kurilsk on Iturup Island (Fukuda et al. 2014); Khab: IS 3; recently considerably reduced frequency (Antonova 2012); Jew: IS 3; Amur: IS 7; epemophyte, occurs on dumpsites, railway embankments, along roads and in grain crops; Yak: IS 7; first reported by Karavaev (1958); occurs rarely, on steppe crushed stone slopes of the Lena River upward from its right tributary Bukhtum River, and in the catchment basin of the Chona River (tributary of the Vilyui River); reported also from fallow fields (Cherosov 2012); potentially dangerous cosmopolitan species acting in some territories as an aggressive species (Nikolin 2016), included in the list of species found after 1926 (Nikolin 2014); Mag: IS 7; ephemerophyte and colonophyte, colonizes lawns, landfills, cabbage fields (Lysenko 2012); Kam: IS 3–4; occurs in populated areas of Milkovo and Bystrinsky Districts, and also in the city of Petropavlovsk-Kamchansky; in the town of Anavya of Bystrinsky District enters a meadow next to the warm stream (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**CUCURBITACEAE**

_Echinocystis lobata_ (Michx.) Torr. et Gray.

_Distribution in Asian Russia:_ Bu, Ch_Sh, GA, Ir_An, Ka, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, No, Om, SS, Ti_Mb, Ty, Us, Yk_Vi.

חור: IS 2; occurs in populated areas along roads and dumpsites; near the city Spask-Dalny and along the Partizanskaya River reported from under the canopy and from the margins of floodplain forests; Sakh: IS 4; mentioned for Southern Sakhalin Plain (Barkalov & Taran 2004); Khab: IS 1; penetrates into the rills, road ditches, floodplains of small rivers (Antonova 2012); Jew: IS 1; mostly active in natural phytocenoses; Amur: IS 2; epemophyte, occurs on dumpsites and waste grounds in populated areas, along roads, less frequently in floodplain shrub communities (Aistova 2009); Bur: IS 4; introduced in culture since 1960s and was initially used for wall ornamentation, later spreaded to the catchment area of the Selenga River in steppe and forest-steppe areas; Zab: IS 4; in 1988 was collected in Ononsky District of Chita Region (Vinogradova 2006, Ebel et al. 2016); Yak: first mentioned by Galaktionova (Tolmachev 1974) as an alien plant in the kitchen garden in the village of Krestovskaya (at present the village of Krestovsky Lesouchastok) in the head of the Lena River; herbarium specimens collected in 2002 from the vicinity of city Yakutsk are available in SASY; occurs rarely, stays in one place for a short time, not very active (Nikolin 2016); Kam: known in culture in the village of Milkovo.

**CUSCUTACEAE**

_Cuscuta campestris_ Yunck.

_Distribution in Asian Russia:_ Bu, Ch_Sh, No, Us.

חור: does not invade seminatural and natural communities; Khab: occurs rarely in synanthropic communities. Amur: IS 1; epemophyte, first collected in 1993 in the village of Arkhara (VA) and is reported from the southern part of the Region; later found in 2002 in the town Fervalk of Selemdzhinsky District and in 2008 in Blagoveschensk in the roadside (Aistova 2009); Bur: not reported (Ebel et al. 2016); Zab: first found in 1963 on a rocky slope near the village Abagatui on the Ar River; herbarium specimens "...along the left bank of the Tsagan-Gola River" (1927), "Aginskaya steppe, village of Kuzhertai, near the Onon River" (1909), "Chitinskii Okrug, Borzinsky District, northern margin of Zun-Torei Lake – stony hills" (1931); nowadays, due to the quarantine, only few locations are known; this species does not penetrate into the natural communities, associates with ruderal habitats and agrocnoses (Ebel et al. 2016).

**Cuscuta europaea L.**

_Distribution in Asian Russia:_ Al, Am, Ch_Ka, Ch_Sh, Da, E_Al, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ke, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NB, No, Om, SB, SS, Ti_Mb, Ty, Us, Yk_Al, Yk_Vi.

חור: IS 2; recently has become one of the abundant species along roadside areas, on meadows, penetrates natural phytocenoses; Sakh: IS 7; mentioned for the Lamanon coastal area of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004); Khab: IS 4; in the beginning of 1970s reported as a rare species in Ulchsky and Nikolaevsky Districts (Shaga 1974). Parasitizes on _Vicia spp., Trifolium spp., Medicago spp_, _Cannabis sativa_, but occurs rarely; Bur, Zab: IS 4 (Ebel et al. 2016); Yak: IS 7; native species first reported by Komarov (1926); occurs quite frequently, common in central and southern Yakutia (mostly along the Lena River), in shrub communities, on meadows, pebble deposits, sometimes acts as a segetal weed.

**DIPSACACEAE**

_Knautia arvensis_ L.

_Distribution in Asian Russia:_ Al, Am, Ha, Ir_An, Ka, Ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, No, NS, Om, SB, SS, Ti_Mb, To, Us, Yk_Al, Yk_Ko.

חור: IS 3; on dumpsites along roads and on railway embankments in Vladivostok and the village Anisimovka (Nechaeva 1998); Sakh: IS 7; reported from the Western Sakhalin Mountainous Area and Tymsky District of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004); Khab: occurs rarely, not included in the list of invasive species; Yak: first mentioned by Galaktionova (Tolmachev 1974) as an alien plant in the catchment areas of Aldan (city of Aldan) and Kolyma Rivers; rare weed, not very active; Kam: IS 2; occurs in Yelizovo District, mainly along highways beyond populated areas, reported on meadows and in roadside willow forests; agrophyte (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**ELAEAGNACEAE**

_Hippophae rhamnoides_ L.

_Distribution in Asian Russia:_ Al, Bu, GA, Ir_An, LZ, Ka, SB, Ty, Us.

חור: IS 2; escapes from culture, forms spontaneous plantations, near the city of Nakhodka forms small communities and groups on the seashore terrace in the estuary of the Partizanskaya River, fruiting abundantly; Khab: IS 1; actively spreads along roadside areas of automobile roads and railroads and along the banks of the Amur River, in forest margins forms part of shrub and forest communities (Antonova 2012); Jew: IS 2; Amur: IS 1; Kam: IS 4; seed propagation on dumpsites in Milkovo and Yelizovo Districts is observed (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**EUPHORBIACEAE**

_Euphorbia virgata_ Waldst. et Kit. (= _Euphorbia wuldestini_ (Sojak) Czerep.)

_Distribution in Asian Russia:_ Al, Bu, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, No, NS, Om, SB, SS, Ti_Mb, Ty, Us.

חור: IS 3; roadside areas, railway embankments, fields; Sakh: IS 7; reported from some districts of central and southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); Khab: all known localities are associated with the railway tracks; during the last 20 years the distribution area has changed very little; not included in the list of invasive species; Mag: IS 7; deposits, meadows, wastelands, roadsides (Lysenko 2012); Kam: IS 7; known in culture, sometimes occurs away from flowerbeds.

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**FABACEAE**

*Amorpha fruticosa* L.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Us.

**Prim:** IS 3; cultivated in many districts; escapes from culture, goes in wilderness, is reported along roads; in 2014 a large uneven-aged population was found in south-western Primorye (near the town of Kraskino) (10 000 sq. m) dominating the landscape (wet and swamp grasslands with shrubs); the plants are flowering and fruiting abundantly; the presence of young plants in the population demonstrates successful self-reproduction of the species and proves its status as a colonophyte (Kozhevnikova & Kozhevnikov 2016); **Khab:** known only in culture, shocks freeze, that is why it is not frequently used in gardening; not included in the list of invasive species.

*Lotus corniculatus* L.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Us.

**Prim:** IS 2–3; pastures, grazing grounds, dry meadows; **Khab:** IS 4; first found near Komsomolsk-na-Amure (Schlotgauer & Schroeter 1969); rare; over the past three years has spread massively along the seashore near village Vanino.

*Lupinus polyphyllus* Lindl.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Bu, Ka, NS, Ok, SS, Us.

**Prim:** does not behave as a weed; **Sakh:** IS 1–2; reported for the districts of southern Sakhalin (mistakenly as *L. nothofleussii* Donn, Barkalov & Taran 2004), encountered in the city of Kurilsk on Iturup Island (Fukuda et al. 2014); For almost a century, it dominates meadows, slowly expanding the areas of its monodominant distribution; now it is actively used to create herb cover for skiing infrastructure in southern Sakhalin; **Khab:** only as a cultivated plant; **Bur:** IS 3; reported for the first time near the town of Tankhoi, near the office of Bai Evstafiev (Khoreva 2018).

**Medicago lupulina** L.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Ch, Ch_Sh, Da, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ke, Kr_Pu, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NB, No, Om, SB, TM-Th, To, Ty, Us, Yk_Ar.

**Prim:** IS 2–3; prevalent, grows in roadside areas, on railway embankments, waste grounds, penetrates river pebble deposits; **Khab:** common ruderal plant colonizing biotopes with sufficient watering; not included in the list of invasive species; **Yak:** once reported from the town Tiksi (Polozhii & Malychev 1994), but the species has not remained there until now; **Chuk:** Chukotka Upland (town Komsomolsky); heavily manured place in small holdings.

*Melilotus albus* Medik.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Bu, Ch_Sh, Da, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NB, No, Ok, Om, SB, SS, TM-Th, To, Ty, Us, Yk-Vi.

**Prim:** IS 2–3; along the roads, on waste grounds, in fallow fields, on railroad tracks, a weed in crops; in 2018, groups of plants were observed in the city of Dalnegorsk, along the river; before that on the slopes along roads, along railway tracks; **Sakh:** IS 2–3; reported for some districts of central and southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab:** IS 3; continues to actively colonize roadsides, areas along railway tracks; **Amur:** IS 3–5; an epecophyte, appeared when the Russians came to the Region; nowadays occurs in ruderal habitats, sometimes enters grain and soybean crops but not active (Aistova 2009); **Yak:** IS 2–3; found before 1926 (Komarova 1926); prevalent and sometimes massive in central and southern districts, colonizes waste grounds, yards, roadside areas, field boundaries and fallow fields; highly aggressive vegetal and ruderal weed (Nikolen 2016); **Mag:** IS 7; colonophyte; colonizes waste grounds, artificial meadows, lawns, gold mining tailings (Lyseiko 2012).

*Robinia pseudoacacia* L.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** SK, SS, Us.

**Prim:** IS 3; commonly used in urban landscaping and escapes from culture, although the species is not as aggressive as *Acer negundo*; in some districts (for example, near the city Arsenyev) actively propagates by seed; vegetative propagation along roads, on waste grounds, in disturbed shrub communities was reported; **Sakh:** IS 74; reported from southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab:** very rarely cultivated in southern districts, hardly survives.

*Trifolium arvense* L.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Ha, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, No, Ok, Om, SS, TM-Th, To, Us.

**Prim:** IS 2; on seashore and river pebble deposits and dry slopes (Nechaeva 1998); nowadays, grows along roads, on railway embankments, waste grounds, in some places penetrates into the meadows and seashore sands; **Sakh:** IS 7; reported from some districts of Southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab:** IS 4; common plant on dry slopes, waste grounds, railway embankments, sea and river pebble deposits near populated areas, in the southern part of the coast; **Mag:** very rare in Magadan, on the lawns (Khoreva 2018).

*Trifolium campestre* Schreb.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Bu, Ku, LZ, Ok, SK, To, Us.

**Prim:** IS 2; common species, forms communities along roads, in some places penetrates into the meadows; **Sakh:** IS 3; encountered in the Kurilsk on Iturup Island (Fukuda et al. 2014); disturbed habitats of the South Sakhalin Plain, including coastal communities; **Khab:** colonizes dry habitats with a thin vegetation cover, forms part of ruderalized meadows, is included in the list of invasive species; **Mag:** IS 7; colonophyte (Lyseiko 2012).

*Trifolium hybridum* L.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Ch, Ch_Sh, Da, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ke, Kr_Pu, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NK, No, NS, Ok, Om, SB, SK, SS, TM-HM, TM-Th, TM-Ya, To, Ty, Us, Yk_AL.

**Prim:** IS 2–3; Vorobyev (1954) reported its penetration in natural phytocoenoses; reported for crops and as a wildling on meadows, grazing grounds and along roads (Tolmachev 1966); nowadays, very common, predominantly in road sides, in some places penetrates into dry meadows and floodplain forests; **Sakh:** IS 2–3; reported from districts in all parts of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004), encountered in the city of Kurilsk on Iturup Island (Fukuda et al. 2014);
Khab: not included in the list of invasive species; Amur: IS 4; ephemeroiphyte, a rare plant for the region; known from herbarium collections from the beginning of the 20th century from Ulanga station; occurs along roadsides in Blagoveschensk and Bureyski Districts (Aistova 2009); Bur, Zab: IS 4 (Ebel et al. 2016); Yak: Komarov (1926) mentioned this species for Yakutsk (central districts), later it was cited only for Aldan floricole district (Kararavaev 1958, Cherosov 2012); occurs rarely, spreads along roads; Mag: IS 3; ephemerophyte; colonizes roadsides, lawns, artificial meadows, fallow fields (Lysenko 2012); Kam: IS 3; occurs in disturbed habitats in Yelizovo, Milkoivo, Tigel and Karaga Districts (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Trifolium pratense** L.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:*** Al, Am, AP, Bu, Ch_Sh, Da, G_A, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr_Pu, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NB, No, NS, Om, SB, SS, TM_HM, TM_Tb, TM_Ya, To, Ty, US, Yk_Al, Yk_Vi.

**Prim:** IS 2; along roads, on grazing grounds, in the fields, in some places penetrates into the meadows; Sakh: IS 2; reported for all districts of Sakhalin Island, in meadows (Barkalov & Taran 2004), a common species in Kuril Islands (Barkalov & Taran 2004), a common species for Kuril Sakh.

**Sakh:** dry meadows, trampled areas, forest clearings and forests; sides, in fields, fallow fields, in some places penetrates into the catchment area of the Kolyma River, along the Lena River enters the Arctic Region to a limited extent; probably a native meadow species behaving as an aggressive ruderal and pasture weed (Nikolin 2016); IS 4; reported from all districts of Sakhalin Island, in meadows (Barkalov & Taran 2004), a common species in Kuril Islands (Barkalov & Taran 2004), a common species for Kuril Sakh.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** IS 2; prevalent species, common in disturbed habitats, including thermal grounds, forest margins and meadows (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018); Chuk: IS 3; towns Provideniya and Ureliki; in river valleys and as a weed species in populated areas next to houses, in kitchen gardens, in roadside areas, on waste grounds.

**Vicia tetrasperma** (L.) Schreb.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ke, Kr_Pu, Kr_Ta, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NB, No, Om, SB, SS, TM_HM, TM_Th, TM_Ya, To, Ty, US.

**Prim:** IS 2–3; until the end of the 20th century was considered a rare species, reported from Vostochny Harbour in Nakhodka Municipality (Nechaeva 1998); at the beginning of the 21st century began to spread quickly; near the city of Nakhodka within the area up to 5–10 m from the edge of roads it is reported in large numbers on artificial meadows, in shrub communities and in forest margins; was also reported on seashore meadows in Kiyevka Bay of Lazovsky District and on meadows near the town Ternee; Khab: occurs rarely on waste grounds and railway embankments, not included in the list of invasive species.

**GENTIANACEAE**

**Centaurium pulchellum** (Sw.) Hayek ex Hand.-Mazz., Stadlm., Janch. & Faltis.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Us.

**Prim:** IS 2; known on a seashore meadow at Ugolnya station near Vladivostok and on railways near Sibaritsevo station (Nechaeva 1998); later it was mentioned for the Russkyi and Popov Islands (Nedoluzhko & Denisov 2001), nowadays, it is abundant on Russkyi Island on sand flats in the Novik Bay and on dry meadows and loamy areas not covered by grass on mountain passes between bays; rare species, reported from wet seashore salt marsh meadows and seaside sand and mud flats near Nakhodka; Khab: known from one habitat, not included in the list of invasive species.

**HYPERICACEAE**

**Hypericum perforatum** L.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, No, NS, Om, SB, SS, TM_Tb, To, Us.

**Prim:** IS 2; on pebble and in shrub communities along the Sukhodol River (Kangauz) and its tributaries (Vorob’ev 1964), on railway tracks near Ryzanovka station; Sakh: IS 2; reported from some districts of central and southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004), reported in 2010 from Shikotan Island, in 2011 from Iturup Island (Fukuda et al. 2014).

**HYDROCHARITACEAE**

**Elodea canadensis** Michx.

**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Ch_Sh, Ir_An, Kr_Ve, Ku, TM_Tb, Yk_Al.

**Bur:** IS 1; several habitats in Northern Baikal and Kabanski Districts, where this species actively penetrates into the natural communities, modifying the appearance of natural ecosystems and acts as a dominant species (Ebel et al. 2016); Zab: IS 3; first found in Kenon Lake (city Chita) in the catchment area of the Amur River in 2009; in the near future, the expansion of this species in the Russian Far East is expected (Ebel et al. 2016); Yak: IS 3; first reported in 2010 (from the village Oi (Nemyugyuntsy) of Khangalass Ulus (Bobrov et al. 2017); in 2015, collected also near the...
city of Lensk; in all cases the plant was encountered lakes in former river beds and river ducts overgrown with grass along the Lena River; potentially dangerous and aggressive species (Nikolin 2016).

IRIDACEAE

Sisyrinchium septentrionale E.P. Bicknell

Distribution in Asian Russia: Ir_An, NB, SB, Us.

Prim: IS 2; along roads, also penetrates into the meadows; Khab: IS 2; first collected in 1960s near Khabarovsk from population that exists now; in southern districts, spreads widely invading seminatural and natural communities of shrubs, meadows, margins of broad-leaved forests by forming large clones; occasionally cultivated but often freezes out.

JUNCACEAE

Juncus tenuis Willd.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Bu, Ch_Sh, Ir_An, NB, SK, Us.

Prim: IS 2–3; first collected near Vladivostok in 1960 (Nechaeva 1998); nowadays, prevalent species occurring in roadways, on artificial meadows, trampled places, along the forest trails; Sakh: IS 2; occurs on Kunashir and Iturup Islands (Fukuda et al. 2014); Khab: IS 4; occurs in roadways, on artificial meadows, on trampled places, along the forest trails; Bur: IS 4 (Ebel et al. 2016).

LAMIACEAE

Galeopsis ladanum L.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, Am, Bu, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ka, Ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, No, Ok, Om, SB, SS, Tm_Tb, To, Ty, Us, Yk_Al, Yk_Vi.

Prim: IS 2–3; on railway embankments, waste grounds, in roadways; penetrates into sand and pebble deposits along the rivers; Sakh: IS 2; reported from Tymsky and Western Sakhalin districts of Sakhalin Region (Barkalov & Taran 2004); Khab: prevalent, but occurs sporadically, exclusively in secondary habitats; not included in the list of invasive species; Yak: IS 2; first reported by Karavaev (Tolmachev 1974) from upper reaches of the Lena River; according to the data of Kuznetsova and Zakharova (Cherosov 2012) new places of successful emergency of populations have not been indicated with the only notion of species in Aldan District in fallow fields; potentially dangerous weed (Nikolin 2016) but not very active; Mag: IS 2; ephemeralophyte; landfills, crops of perennial grasses, gold mining tailings (Lysenko 2012); apart from that, in Magadan Region Galeopsis bifida Boennd. is an active weed; Kam: rarely, in Ust-Kamchatsk and Ust-Bolsherezetsk Districts, next to dwellings and along roads (Yakovub & Chernygaina 2004).

Glehoma bederacea L.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, Am, Bu, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr_Ve, LZ, No, Ok, SS, To, Ty, Us, Yk_Al, Yk_Vi.

Prim: IS 3; does not invade seminatural and natural communities; according to Probato (1993), the genus in the Far East is represented by native species, G. longituba, alien G. bederacea is very rare; the identification of the species is complicated due to the seasonal variation of features and possibly the hybrid “absorption” of the alien species by the local one; Sakh: IS 4; only in culture; Khab: IS 2; widely used as an ornamental and a ground-covering plant; escapes from culture and occupies lawns, roadsides, fallow fields, penetrates into the rills, road ditches, floodplains of small rivers (Antonova 2012); Jew: IS 1; Amur: IS 4; epecophyte; occurs as a weed on railway embankments, in abandoned kitchen gardens (Asttova 2009); Yak: IS 2; first mentioned by Karavaev (1958); rare; valley of the upper Lena River up to the city of Olyokminsk; no updates are available; potentially dangerous weed (Nikolin 2014); Mag: very rare on the lawns in Magadan (Mochalova & Khoreva 2016); Kam: IS 3; occurs in Yelizovo and Milkovo Districts, mainly next to dwellings, everywhere escapes from culture (Chernygaina & Devyatova 2018).

OENOTHERACEAE

Onotera biennis L.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, Bu, Ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, Om, SK, SS, Tm_Tb, Us.

Prim: IS 2; prevalent in roadsides, on embankments, waste grounds, penetrates into the river pebbles, dry meadows, forest margins, stony slopes, seashore sands and pebbles; Sakh: IS 2; reported for some districts of central and southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); abundant fruiting plants were observed on Cape Slepkovsky on Sakhalin Island in 2016 mainly along the railways, invading the adjacent meadows; occurs in Kunashir and Iturup Islands (Fukuda et al. 2014); Khab: IS 2; known since 1960s, often forms dense stands along roads, on stony slopes, spreads massively; Jew: IS 3; spreads massively along the roads; Amur: IS 2; epecophyte; first reported in 1988 by Kudrin (VLA); common on railway embankments, in roadsides, in cultivated crops (Asttova 2014).

OROBRANCHACEAE

Rhianthus minor L.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Ka, SS, Us.

Prim: IS 2; invades natural phytocenoses, dominates some types of meadows in Golubskoe Urozhishche (Sikhote-Alin Nature Reserve) (Pimenova 2016); first found in 1951 in Partizansky District near the village Novaya Rudnaya (population does not exist anymore) and near the mountain pass from the village Mikhailovka to the village Ekatertinovka on a wet grass meadow, in both cases in large groups (Vorob’ev 1954 as Rh. major L., 1964); Sakh: IS 2; reported from some districts of central and southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); Khab: IS 2; common mainly along the seashore, where becomes a part of disturbed and post-fire meadows in the place of the Larix cajanderi Mayr forests, sometimes occupying entire forest clearings; Kam: IS 2; prevalent, invades disturbed meadow communities and herb meadows (Chernygaina & Devyatova 2018).

OXALIDACEAE

Xanthosalis corniculata (L.) Small.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Bu, LZ, SS, Us.

Prim: does not invade seminatural and natural communities; Sakh: IS 4; only in the culture; Khab: IS 1; spreads massively, penetrates into the ruderal habitats and disturbed meadows (Antonova 2012); Jew: IS 2; Amur: individual specimens were found just recently.

PLANTAGINACEAE

Linaria vulgaris Mill. s.l.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, Am, Bu, Da, E_Al, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kl, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NB, Nj, No, NS, Ök, Om, SB, SS, Tm_Tb, To, Ty, Us, UZ, Yk_Vi.

Prim: IS 2; prevalent, occurs along roads, on railway embankments, in fallow fields, penetrates into the meadows,
shrub communities, dry stony slopes, sand and pebble deposits along rivers and seashore sands; **Sakhal:** IS 2; reported from most districts of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab:** naturalized long ago, spreads widely in roadside, on sand and pebble deposits along rivers near populated areas, on waste grounds; does not invade seminatural and natural communities; not included in the list of invasive species; **Amur:** IS 2; ecpophyte; at the beginning of the 20th century was reported on meadows, river banks, in oak forests, margins of conifer forests, on dry meadows, less frequently near ploughland, in roadsides and populated areas; currently a prevalent plant of ruderal habitats, fields (Aistova 2009); **Yak:** IS 2; cited by Komarov (1926) and Tarabukin (1932); prevalent aggressive weed species (Nikolin 2016); **Mag:** IS 2; agrophyte; colonizes artificial meadows, roadsides, waste grounds, lawns, kitchen gardens, fallow fields, gold mining tailings, secondary willow stands, pebble deposits (Lysenko 2012); **Kam:** IS 3; occurs next to dwellings, in roadside areas, on lower parts of grassy southern slopes along roads, on barrier beaches at the seashore (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Odontites vulgaris** Moench.  
**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Am, Bu, Ch, Ka, Ch, Sh, Da, G.A, Ha, Ir, Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr, Ve, Ku, LB, NB, No, Om, SB, SS, Tm, Tb, To, Ty, Us, Yk, Vi.

**Prim:** IS 2; along roads, on meadows, on the seashore; occurs also on railway embankments, waste grounds, grazing grounds, seashore meadows; **Sakhal:** IS 2; reported from some districts of central and southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab:** IS 4; naturalized long ago, spreads widely in roadside, in ruderal habitats, on village streets, forms part of ruderalized and disturbed natural meadows; **Jew:** IS 2; active on abandoned meadows, along the roads; **Amur:** IS 2; ecpophyte; occurs on meadows, in shrub communities, as a weed in fallow fields, along the roads, in agricultural crops (Aistova 2009); **Yak:** IS 2; mentioned by Komarov (1926); probably a native species of forest, steppic meadows on calcareous bedrocks, which was initially considered rare (Karavaev 1958, Tolmachev 1974); currently, often occurs apart from natural habitats: in fallow fields, cattle yards, smallholdings, roadsides; abundant near Yakutsk; **Kam:** IS 3; occurs in disturbed habitats in Milkovo and Yelizovo Districts (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Plantago major** L.  
**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, Am, AP, Bu, Ch, Ch, Sh, Co, Da, Ev, GA, Ha, Ir, An, Ir, Pr, Ka, Ke, KL, Kr, Kr, Pu, Kr, Tn, Kr, Ve, Ku, LZ, NB, NK, No, NS, Oh, Om, SB, SK, SS, Tm, HM, Tm, Th, Tm, Ya, To, Ty, Us, UZ, Yk, Al, Yk, Vi, Yk, Ya.

**Prim:** does not invade seminatural and natural communities; **Sakhal:** IS 2; reported from most districts of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004) and Kunashir Island (Fukuda et al. 2014); **Khab:** prevalent synanthropic species; not included in the list of invasive species; **Amur:** IS 3; **Yak:** IS 2; found after 1926 (Komarov 1926); prevalent in central and southern districts; probably invades Yano-Indigirskaya Lowlands districts (Cherosov 2012); frequently occurs in natural phytocenoses (possibly a native plant); wet, sometimes alkaline river sides and lakeside meadows, often grows in small holdings, cattle yards, kitchen gardens; an aggressive weed species but considerable danger is not expected (Nikolin 2016); **Mag:** IS 2; agrophyte, colonizes waste grounds, roadside areas, trampled meadows, kitchen gardens, fallow fields, willow stands disturbed by human activity, gold mining tailings, pebble deposits, floodplain meadows, seige fens in the places along rough gravel roads (Lysenko 2012); **Kam:** IS 2; common in all districts; colonizes thermal grounds apart from disturbed habitats (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018); **Chuk:** IS 2; Chukotka Upland (towns Komsomolsky, Dorozhny), eastern part of the peninsula (towns Provideniya, Senyavina and Gilmilimeley hot springs), catchment area of the Anadyr River (city Anadyr, town Markovo), Koryak coast (Beringovskiy Velay), ruderal plant, occurs mainly next to dwellings, on gravel roads, on pastures, occasionally on riversides and seashore sands and pebble deposits; demonstrates behavior of native species near thermal springs.

**Verbasum thapsus** L.  
**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, GA, Ha, Ir, Pr, Ke, Kr, Ve, Ku, No, Om, SS, Tm, Tb, Us.

**Prim:** IS 2; is naturalized and occurs in large numbers in the floodplains of Partizanskaya, Kievka and Sukhodol Rivers, and in the valley of the Arsenyevka River near the village of Vinogradovka. Grows on river pebble deposits, along small rills and in many populated areas of these catchment areas (city of Partizansk, village of Lazo, village of Arismovka, etc.) (Vorob'ev 1954-1964). Reported on overgrowing pebble deposits and forest clearings and margins of floodplain forests along the Partizanskaya River. **Sakhal:** IS 4; cited for Southern Sakhalin Plain (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab:** individual plants were found, not included in the list of invasive species.

**Veronica chamaedryfolia** L.  
**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, GA, Ha, Ir, An, Ka, Ke, Kr, Ve, Ku, No, NS, Om, SB, SK, SS, Tm, HM, Tm, Tb, Tm, Ya, To, Us.

**Prim:** IS 2; occurs mainly in the southern part, naturalized; common in valley forests and their margins; **Sakhal:** IS 2; reported for most districts of central and southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004), was encountered on Kunashir Island in the estuary of the Tyatina River (Fukuda et al. 2014); **Khab:** individual plants were found on lawns, not included in the list of invasive species; **Kam:** IS 2; reported from Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky along roads, on herb meadows and in willow stands, does not spread massively, but grows along the trail in the Nalychevo Natural Park (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

**Veronica peregrina** L.  
**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Us.

**Prim:** IS 2; on grazing grounds and waste grounds (Nechava 1998). In Shkotovsky District, reported on meadows and in *Alnus japonica* forests; **Khab:** first collected 1966 in the village of Petropavlovka, occurs rarely on mud flats along the Amur River, is not included in the list of invasive species.

**Veronica scutellata** L.  
**Distribution in Asian Russia:** Al, GA, Ha, Ir, An, Ka, Kr, Pu, Kr, Tn, Kr, Ve, Ku, No, NS, Om, SK, Tm, Tb, To, Ty, Us, Yk, Vi.

**Prim:** IS 2; occurs frequently in floodplain forests near the village Chernigovka; **Sakhal:** IS 2; reported for Tymsky District of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004); **Khab:** occurs rarely, primarily along wet roadsides, along the banks of water bodies in recreation zones, is not included in the list of invasive species; **Yak:** known from one locality: swamp grasslands and shrubs near Vilyuisky road, 180 km away from Yakutsk (collector R. Abolin, 1912 r); the closeness of the road suggests introduction, but at that time the road was not used that intensely and mostly for animal-drawn traffic; later, the collections were not repeated; **Kam:**

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known from the only habitat in the town of Paratunka, in a roadside ditch (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018); does not pose danger as an invasive plant.

POACEAE

Dactylis glomerata L.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, Co, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, NK, No, NS, Ok, Om, SB, SK, SS, TM_Tb, To, Ty, Us.

Prim: IS 2; common along roads; reported also from forest clearings and margins; Sakh: IS 2; mentioned for some districts of central and southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004) in meadows; grows on Kunashir Island (Fukuda et al. 2014); Khab: occurs mainly on lawns and along roads, is not included in the list of invasive species; Mag: IS 2; a colonophyte; lawns, along pavements (Lysenko 2012); Kam: IS 3; common next to dwellings and along roads (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

Elymus novae-angliae (Scribn.) Tzvel.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, Bu, Ch_Sh, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ka, Kr_Ve, LZ, No, Om, SB, SK, Ty, Us.

Prim: does not invade seminatural and natural communities; Khab: IS 4; used as fodder and lawn plant, sometimes goes in wilderness and occurs on field boundaries, in fallow fields, roadside areas, on embankments and waste grounds, less frequently on steppe slopes; Jew: IS 4; Amur: IS 4; an ephemerophyte, a fodder plant, as a weed occurs in roadside areas, on embankments, on waste grounds (Aistova 2009); Mag: existing herbarium specimens under this name should be treated as a native weed species E. charkeviczii Probat. (Lysenko 2012); Kam: IS 3; occurs in Tigli, Bystrinsky and Yelizovo Districts in roadsides, fallow fields and on waste grounds (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

Festuca pratensis Huds.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, Bu, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr_Pu, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, NB, NK, No, NS, Ok, Om, SB, SK, SS, TM_HM, TM_Tb, To, Ty, Us, Vk_Vi.

Prim: does not invade seminatural and natural communities; Sakh: IS 2; reported on Kunashir Island (Fukuda et al. 2014); Khab: IS 2; in 1960s was mentioned as a rare species in the Amur River region (Voroshilov 1966); currently occurs in fallow fields, along roads, in populated areas, various secondary and disturbed habitats (Antonova 2012); Jew: IS 2; Amur: IS 4; ephemerophyte (epocophyte), grows in Arkharta District (collections by S. Kudrin) (Aistova 2009); Yak: IS 7; listed by Komarov (1926); common in southern districts (upper Lena River), on floodplain and dry meadows, in fallow fields; Mag: IS 7; colonophyte, colonizes lawns, roadside areas, waste grounds; very rare (in the vicinity of the town of Seimchan) (Lysenko 2012); Kam: IS 3; a common species next to dwellings and in roadsides (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

Hordeum jubatum L.

Distribution in Asian Russia: An, AP, Bu, Ch, E_Al, Ha, Ir_An, Ka, Kl, Kr, Kr_Pu, Kr_TN, Ku, LZ, No, NS, Ok, Om, SB, SK, SS, Us, Yk_Al, Yk_Kr, Yk_Ko, Yk_Ol, Yk_Vi, Yk_Ya.

Prim: IS 1; prevalent species along roads, on waste grounds, grazing grounds, penetrates wet halophilous seashore meadows; Sakh: IS 3; disturbed habitats mainly along the railways in the southern Sakhalin; Khab: IS 1; spreads massively in roadside areas and along railway tracks, forms dense massive stands along the banks of the Amur River (Antonova 2012); Jew: IS 1; Amur: IS 3; ephemerophyte, occurs in roadside areas, on lawns, railway embankments in Arkhara, Blagoveshchensk, Tambovskiy Districts (Aistova 2009); Bur: IS 2; first collected in 1964 near Ulan-Ude; in 1973–1975, was mentioned for Khabansky District on railway embankments along the southern bank of Baikal, and later in Barguzin, Priibalkaysk, Ivolginsky, Severobaikalysk, Tuninsky, Okinsky, Zakamensky, Bichursky Districts; currently listed as an invasive species (Ebel et al. 2016); Zab: IS 3; first mentioned in 1990 for Sretensky District, later was collected in Dauria and in Chita (Ebel et al. 2016). Yak: IS 7; first collections in Yakutia are dated 1835 near the Aldan River (herbarium by N. Turchaninov, LE); those specimens were mentioned in the summary by K. Ledebur for “Flora Rossica”, and collections were quite numerous; common in wooded tundra downstream of the Kolyma River, very active and acts as an aggressive ruderal weed, spreads along roads (Nikolin 2016); Mag: IS 2; ephemerophyte and an agriophyte, colonizes waste grounds, roadside areas, heavily trampled artificial meadows, kitchen gardens, rarely fallow fields, gold mining tailings, pebble deposits and disturbed floodplain meadows near populated areas; rare (Lysenko 2012); Kam: IS 3; occurs not only next to dwellings, but also on river beaches and pebble deposits, on dry thermal grounds; widely distributed in northern areas, where it forms monodominant communities in populated areas; (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018); Chuk: IS 7; typical anthropochores; settles roadsides, abandoned pebble deposits and polygons, abundant in settlements near homesites, in cattle-pens; in the south, often found on sand and pebble alluvia and sea coastal terraces; in tundra areas relatively rare; noted as alien on Wrangel Island (Yurtsev et al. 2010); common on the shore of Chaunskaya Bay, in the catchment area of the Anadyr River and Beringovskiy village (sea port); on deposits along river banks not covered by grass, on dry grassy slopes, in valley willow stands, sometimes next to dwellings.

Pileum pratense L.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, Am, Bu, Ch_Sh, Co, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NK, No, NS, Ok, Om, SB, SK, SS, TM_Tb, To, Ty, Us, UZ, Yk_Al.

Prim: IS 2; Vorob’ev (1954) reported its penetration into the natural phytocenoses; reported from crops and as a wildling on meadows and along roads (Tolmachev 1966); currently prevalent species, often occurs in populated areas, along roads, in fallow fields, and lawns, sometimes next to dwellings, forest clearings and margins, floodplain forests and Alnus japonica forests; Sakh: IS 1–2; reported for most districts of Sakhalin Island, where it invaded the meadow plant communities (Barkalov & Taran 2004), a common species on Kunashir and Iturup Islands (Fukuda et al. 2014); Khab: in fallow fields, on lawns, along roads, in fields, populated areas, is not included in the list of invasive species; Yak: IS 2; first reported by Karavaev (1958) as a very rare alien cultivated species in the valley of Aldan River (from the riverhead up to the vicinity of the town Khandyga); currently frequently reported from the same area, on roadside meadows up to the vicinity of the town Chulman and in Upper Lena River floristic area (Cherosov 2012); shows moderate activity, does not pose serious threats; Mag: IS 2; ephemerophyte and an agriophyte; occurs in artificial meadows, fallow fields, lawns, roadside areas, rarely in disturbed floodplain meadows; rare (Lysenko 2012); Kam: IS 3; common synanthrope; occurs in disturbed habitats (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

Poa annua L.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Am, Bu, Co, Da, E_Al, Ha, Ka, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, LZ, Nj, NK, NS, Ok, SK, SS, Ty, Us, UZ.
Distribution in Asian Russia: Bu, Ch, Ir_An, Ka, LZ, NS, SK, SS, Us.

Prim: IS 2; prevalent species, occurs in populated areas, along roads, on grazing grounds and in fallow fields, on riverside sands and pebble deposits; Sakh: IS 2–3; reported for most districts of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004) in disturbed habitats and meadow margins; a common species on Kunashir and Iturup Islands (Fukuda et al. 2014); Karavaev (1958) mentioned it as a very rare ruderal species, common in the valley of the Lena River (upper part) and Aldan floristic area, along wet trails, forest roads, close to residential areas and rivers (easily becomes a weed); since that time, the prevalence of the species has not increased (maybe even decreased); Mag: IS 7; epeophyte; occurs in roadways, lawns, waste grounds, trampled artificial lawns, on islands may go over to bird colonies; rare (Lysenko 2012); Kam: IS 3; prevalent synanthropic species (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

Poa compressa L.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Bu, Ch, Ir_An, Ka, LZ, NS, SK, SS, Us.

Prim: IS 2; Vorob’ev (1954) reported its penetration in natural phytoceneses (without clarification); currently, common in roadways, railway tracks, grazing grounds, penetrates through trampled places into forest clearings and oak forests, through seashore meadows on Russky Island; Sakh: IS 7; reported from some districts of northern and southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); Khab: IS 4; first found near Khabarovsk and village Gaiter (Probataba 1971); occurs along the roads, on railway embankments, on loamy and crushed stony eroded slopes; recently has become more common near campsites; Kam: IS 3; occurs in the populated areas of Yelizovo District; (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018); Chuk: IS 7; Provideniya Bay, surroundings of Emma Harbour, next to an old landfill.

ROSACEAE

Alchemilla subcrenata Buss.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Co, GA, Ir_An, Ka, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, NS, SB, To, Ty.

Sakh: IS 7; reported from Tymsky District of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004); Kam: IS 3; occurs in Aleursky, Yelizovo, Milkovo and Ust-Bolsheretsky Districts; near dwellings, on lawns, grazing grounds, along the trail in Nalychevo Nature Park; on Bering Island in herb meadows on seashore terraces; agriophyte, xenophyte.

Microsercus tomentosa (Thunb.) Eremin et Juschev.

Distribution in Asian Russia: SS, Us.

Prim: IS 2; widely cultivated; escapes from culture, goes in wilderness, is reported along roads, penetrates (rarely) cliffs and floodplain forests; Khab: IS 2; cultivated, occurs as a wild plant along roads, in places of former settlements, in disturbed forests near populated areas.

Physocarpus opulifolia (L.) Maxim.

Distribution in Asian Russia: SS, Us.

Prim: IS 3; widely cultivated; escapes from culture, goes in wilderness; reported from along the roads; Sakh: IS 4; reported for some districts of central and southern Sakhalin (Barkalov & Taran 2004); Khab: used in landscaping, goes in wilderness very rarely; not included in the list of invasive species.

Potentilla multifida L. s. l. (incl. P. tergemina Sojak).

Distribution in Asian Russia: AI, AP, Ch_Ka, Ch_Sh, Da, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kr, Kr_Ve, NB, NJ, No, Ok, Om, SB, Tm_Th, To, Ty, US, UZ, Yk_AI, Yk_Vi.

Prim: IS 2–3; in populated areas, on railway tracks, along roads, on grazing grounds, on sands and pebble deposits along the banks of rivers and lakes, on cliffs; Khab: prevalent species; a native species, which naturalized well (or which has expanded its range) that colonizes various types of secondary habitats, but does not invade seminatural and natural communities (Antonova 2012); not included in the list of invasive species; Amur: IS 4; Yak: IS 7; found before 1926 (Komarov 1920); often occurs in central, southern and northeastern districts, along the Lena River goes far north; grows on steppe and stony slopes of river valleys, low ridges above floodplains, in meadow steppe, shrub communities, in forest margins; often behaves as a ruderal weed in roadsides, smallholdings, cattle yards; moderately aggressive weed species (Nikolin 2016); Mag: IS 2; agriophyte, colonizes waste grounds, roadside areas, pebble deposits; very rare (Lysenko 2012); Kam: IS 3; epeophyte (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018); Chuk: IS 7; Eremba Harbour in Provideniya Bay, along a road, in the streets and other anthropogenic ecotopes of the towns of Egvenkinot and Provideniya.

Potentilla norvegica L.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, Am, An, AP, Bu, Ch, Ch_Ka, Ch_Sh, Co, Da, E_Al, Ha, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ke, Kl, Kr, Kr_Pu, Kr_TN, Kr_Ve, Ku, LZ, NB, NJ, NK, No, NS, Ok, Om, SB, SK, SS, Tm_HM, Tm_Th, Tm_Ya, To, Ty, US, UZ, Yk_AI, Yk_Vi, Yk_Ya.

Prim: IS 2–3; in populated areas, along roads, on waste grounds, along river banks; Sakh: IS 7; reported from most districts of Sakhalin Island (Barkalov & Taran 2004); Khab: likely a native species (agriophyte, xenophyte) not included in the list of invasive species; Yak: IS 4; found before 1926 (Komarov 1920); common in all districts except northwestern and Arctic regions; colonizes river banks and roadside areas; usually not numerous in communities; moderately aggressive ruderal weed; Mag: IS 2; agriophyte; waste grounds, roadside areas, kitchen gardens, fallow fields, trampled artificial meadows, weeds in greenhouses, gold mining tailings, pebble deposits; very rare (Lysenko 2012); Kam: IS 3; occurs in Elenovo Nature Park; near town Komsomol’skoye, Gulf Kresta, middle Anadyr river basin (Markov), weeds (Yurtsev et al. 2010).

Rubus idaeus L.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Al, GA, Ha, Ir_An, Ka, Ke, Kr_Ve, No, SB, Tm_HM, Tm_Th, Tm_Ya, To, Ty, US.

Prim: IS 2–3; escapes from culture, goes in wilderness; reported from along roads, rarely from moist forests (encountered in Alnus japonica forests); Khab: for several years may remain in the places where it had been cultivated previously, not included in the list of invasive species; Kam: IS 3; occurs on abandoned garden allotments, near apartment blocks, on slopes along roads, on waste grounds in Yelizovo, Milkovoy, Tigli and Olyutorsky Districts; (Chernyagina & Devyatova 2018).

RUBIACEAE

Galium aparine s.l.

(incl. G. vaillantii DC. and G. spurium L.)

Distribution in Asian Russia: Ch, Ch_Sh, Ir_An, Ir_Pr, Ka, Ok, SB, SS, US, Yk_Vi.

Prim: IS 2; prevalent, occurs along roads, on railway em-
Table 1. Taxonomic analysis of invasive species of the Far Eastern Federal District.

| Family          | The number of genera | The number of species | Number of species by invesiveness status* |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|
|                 | IS 1 | IS 2 | IS 3 |
| Acaceae         | 1    | 1    | 2    |
| Amaranthaceae   | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Apiaceae        | 5    | 2    | 1    |
| Asteraceae      | 26   | 33   | 8    |
| Balsaminaceae   | 1    | 2    | 1    |
| Boraginaceae    | 3    | 3    | 1    |
| Brassicaceae    | 12   | 12   | 9    |
| Campanulaceae   | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Cannabaceae     | 2    | 2    | 1    |
| Caryophyllaceae | 4    | 4    | 4    |
| Convulvulaceae  | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Cucurbitaceae   | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Cuscutaceae     | 1    | 2    | 1    |
| Dipsacaceae     | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Elagiacaceae    | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Euphorbiaceae   | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Fabaceae        | 8    | 12   | 1    |
| Gentianaceae    | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Hypericaceae    | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Hydrocharitaceae| 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Iridaceae       | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Junaceae        | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Lamiaceae       | 2    | 2    | 1    |
| Ochnaceae       | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Orobanchaceae   | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Oxalidaceae     | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Plantaginaceae  | 5    | 5    | 7    |
| Poaceae         | 6    | 7    | 5    |
| Rosaceae        | 5    | 6    | 4    |
| Rubiaceae       | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Solanaceae      | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Vitaceae        | 1    | 1    | 1    |

Total: 99 | 116 | 22 | 76 | 18

Note: * – the highest status in any of the regions

Table 2. The number of most aggressive invasive species of the Far Eastern Federal District, which are included in the group with status 1 (transformers) in at least one region. ‘yes’ – the species is noted, but does not reach generative age; ‘no’ – the species was not found; empty cells – no data.

| Family          | Species/district | Subjects of Russian Federation |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
|                 | Prim | Sakh | Khab | Jew | Amur | Bur | Zab | Yak | Mag | Kam |
| Aceraceae       | Acer negundo    | 1    | 2    | 1    | 2    | 2    | 4    | no  | yes | 2   |
| Aiptasia        | Heradrum cinnamoides | 3    | no  | no  | no  | no  | no  | no  | yes | 1   |
| Apiaceae        | Pastinaca silvestris | 3    | 1    | 1    | 4    | 4    | yes | no  | no  | 1   |
| Asteraceae      | Ambrosia artemisiifolia | 1    | yes | 1    | 1    | 1    | no  | no  | yes | no  |
| Asteraceae      | Bidens frondosa | 1    | yes | 1    | 1    | 2    | no  | no  | no  | no  |
| Asteraceae      | Cirsium arvense | 1    | yes | 2    | 1    | 3    | no  | no  | no  | no  |
| Asteraceae      | Galinsoga parviflora | 2    | yes | 1    | 1    | 3    | no  | no  | no  | no  |
| Asteraceae      | Polycarboloma aequalis | 1    | no  | 3    | 4    | 4    | no  | no  | no  | no  |
| Asteraceae      | Solidago canadensis | 1    | yes | 1    | 1    | 4    | no  | no  | no  | no  |
| Asteraceae      | Solidago gigantea | 1    | yes | yes | no  | no  | no  | 4   | yes | 4   |
| Asteraceae      | Sonochna oleracea | 2    | yes | yes | 1    | no  | yes | no  | no  | 1   |
| Balsaminaceae   | Impatiens glandulifera | 1    | yes | 1    | 1    | 3    | 3    | 4    | no  | no  |
| Boraginaceae    | Symphytum canescens | 2    | yes | yes | 1    | 3    | no  | no  | no  | no  |
| Cannabaceae     | Humulus lupulus | yes | yes | 1    | 1    | 3    | no  | no  | no  | yes |
| Cucurbitaceae   | Echinocystis lobata | 2    | yes | yes | 1    | 2    | 4    | 4    | no  | yes |
| Cuscutaceae     | Cuscuta campestris | yes | yes | yes | 1    | no  | yes | no  | no  | no  |
| Elagiacaceae    | Hibiscus trionum | 2    | yes | yes | 1    | 2    | 4    | yes | no  | no  |
| Fabaceae        | Lathyrus polyphyllus | yes | yes | yes | yes | 3    | no  | no  | no  | no  |
| Hydrocharitaceae| Uvularia perfoliata | yes | yes | yes | yes | 1    | 3    | yes | no  | no  |
| Lamiaceae       | Glechoma hederacea | 3    | 2    | 1    | 4    | yes | yes | 3    | yes | 3   |
| Oxalidaceae     | Xanthosia ornithina | yes | yes | yes | yes | 2    | yes | no  | no  | no  |
| Poaceae         | Hordeum jubatum | 1    | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes | yes |
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VITACEAE
Parthenocissus inserta (A. Kerner) Fritsch.

Distribution in Asian Russia: Us.

Prim: IS 2; cultivated, sometimes goes in wilderness; in the Akademgorodok of Vladivostok grows in a natural broad-leaved forest; in Spassk-Dalny was reported from floodplain forest; in Nakhodka was encountered in a suburb near the road; Khab: IS 2; recently has been widely used as an ornamental plant; occurs on lawns, ruderal habitats not far from the places where it is cultivated, in shrub communities in forest margins in populated areas; status 1 can be predicted for nearest future.

Thus, the invasive fraction of the flora of the Far Eastern Federal District includes 116 species belonging to 99 genera from 32 families (Table 1), Families Asteraceae (33 species), Fabaceae (12 species), Brassicaceae (12 species), Poaceae (7 species) and Plantaginaceae (7 species) have most invasive species. Eight families, in which the number of species in a family exceeds an average, include 74.1% of the invasive component. The average number of species in a family is 3.6, in a genus – 1.2; average number of genera in a family is 3.1.

Eighteen species are only beginning to invade natural cenoses and are listed in the group with invasion status 1; 76 species actively invade natural cenoses of the territory and are listed in the group with status 2 (Table 2). Twenty-two species with invasion status 1 are transformer species. However, due to a strong inhomogeneity of the soil and climate conditions in the region a species is quite rarely considered a transformer in more than one territorial subject of the FEFD. Ambrosia artemisiifolia is considered a transformer species in 4 regions, Bidens frondosa, Solidago canadensis, Impatiens glandulifera and Hordeum jubatum – in 3 regions, other species transformed landscapes in one or two territorial subjects of the FEFD. The Asteraceae family is most rich in transformer species (8 species). Two species belong to the Apiaceae family, and the rest of transformer species belong to different families.

CONCLUSION

Because of a very strong heterogeneity of the soil and climate conditions there is considerable disparity in the list of alien species between various FEFD territorial subjects. Many species that actively colonize southern districts do not occur in the north, or only individual plants are reported and they are not capable of reproduction. In general, the problem of the spread of invasive species in the Far East is not yet as urgent as in Europe. However, one must take measures to control invasive species not when they have transformed the plant community – it is virtually useless then – but when alien species only begin spreading actively. It was proved long ago that this approach is more cost-effective. That is why, the authors included in the list of the species of the future Black Book of the Far East ALL species, which tend to naturalize more than in one region, irrespectively of the area of their invasive range. This will help take concrete measures to prevent and mitigate the invasion of alien species.

This article is a necessary stage in the creation of the Black Book of the Far East flora, and the authors hope that a large-scale programme to study the spread and impact of invasive species on the current state of the ecosystems of the Far East will begin as early as this year in order to prevent the economic and environmental damage to the natural biodiversity of the region.

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