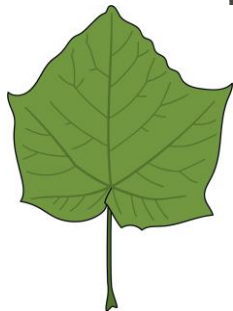


# COMMON NON-NATIVE TREES IN THE ALPINE SPACE



*Princess tree*

*Paulownia tomentosa*



THE PRINCESS TREE IS HIGHLY VALUED FOR ITS WOOD USED IN FURNITURE, DECORATIVE ITEMS AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS. IN EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE, IT HAS NATURALIZED ON CLEARINGS AND IN OPEN HABITATS WITH DISTURBANCES AND IS SPREADING INVASIVELY.

*Staghorn sumac*

*Rhus typhina*



IN ADDITION TO ITS ORNAMENTAL VALUE, THE STAGHORN SUMAC ALSO HAS MEDICINAL AND EDIBLE ACTIVE INGREDIENTS AS WELL AS INTERESTING WOOD GRAIN. ITS REPRODUCTIVE PROPERTIES AND ADAPTABILITY TO POOR HABITATS GIVE IT A HIGH INVASIVE POTENTIAL.

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- NON-NATIVE TREE SPECIES (NNTS), ALSO KNOWN AS “NON-INDIGENOUS”, “ALIEN”, “INTRODUCED”, “ALLOCHTHONOUS” OR “EXOTIC” TREES, ARE TREE SPECIES, BREEDS OR HYBRIDS IN THE ALPINE SPACE REGION WHOSE PRESENCE THERE IS THE RESULT OF INTENTIONAL OR ACCIDENTAL INTRODUCTION BY HUMANS.
- NNTS CAN MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE ADAPTATION OF EUROPEAN FORESTS AND URBAN AREAS TO CHANGES IN CLIMATE, AT THE SAME TIME, THEY POSE A RISK TO BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES.
- THERE IS CURRENTLY NO GENERALLY ORIENTED STRATEGY FOR MANAGING THESE SPECIES, ESPECIALLY IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE, THE ALPTREES PROJECT THEREFORE AIMS TO DEVELOP AND INTRODUCE SUCH A STRATEGY.
- THE ALPTREES PROJECT INVESTIGATES 48 REGIONS IN FIVE COUNTRIES (AUSTRIA, SLOVENIA, ITALY, FRANCE AND GERMANY), AND OUR RESEARCH HAS DETERMINED THAT THERE ARE MORE THAN 110 NATIVE AND 530 NON-NATIVE TREE SPECIES IN THESE REGIONS.
- IT IS IMPORTANT TO MONITOR THE OCCURRENCE OF NNTS, SINCE THERE ARE INVASIVE TREE SPECIES AMONG THEM. MANY ARE OVERLOOKED, AS THEY ARE LOCATED ON PRIVATELY OWNED LAND OR IN URBAN SETTINGS. WE RECOMMEND USING THE iNATURALIST APPLICATION FOR DETECTING AND RECORDING NNTS.



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