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THE ALIENS HAVE LANDED!—And they are not friendly. We're talking about alien plant species, of course. From the appetizingly named garlic mustard and the legendary kudzu to the banana moth and the red imported fire ant, species from other lands are finding perfect places to thrive here in the United States. Having left most of their natural enemies behind in their home environments, these plants and insects pose a threat to native species by successfully competing with them for water, sunlight, nutrients, and other resources. The next issue of the magazine focuses on several of these invaders and the methodical work ARS is doing to find and import natural controls for them.