



Aliens are invading our Shoreline



English ivy on Douglas-fir - Image courtesy of Bruce Obee



Periwinkle

MANY AREAS OF the Gorge Waterway shoreline have become overgrown by invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry,

English ivy, Daphne (spurge-laurel), gorse, periwinkle, English holly, morning glory (bindweed) and Scotch broom. These non-native plants crowd out native species and blanket the shoreline to the water's edge. This degrades natural habitats resulting in a loss

of wildlife and birds. Municipal staff and community groups are now working to reverse this trend. Several restoration projects on public and private land are helping to improve the natural shoreline of the Gorge Waterway.



Morning glory (hedge bindweed)



Daphne (spurge-laurel)

To find out how you can help, contact your municipal parks department or the Gorge Waterway Initiative at www.gorgewaterway.ca.



Ivy "bones" engulfing Douglas-fir



Gorse



Thistle

