

63138 Invasive Non-Native Species

I wish to submit a request for the follow information, preferably presented in a spreadsheet, including all instances recorded between January 2025 and June 2026.

Each instance of an invasive non-native species being reported to the council, including the date reported, the species recorded, the location of the species, whether anything was done by the council to address and/or remove the species and if it was removed, the size of the area cleared of the species.

The City of Edinburgh Council does not hold a centralised dataset recording this information, and our current work processes and systems cannot be readily interrogated to extract or compile it. While there are many hundreds of individual communications relating to reported concerns about invasive species, these are not separated, categorised, or centrally recorded in a way that would allow the specific details requested to be extracted.

Where action is taken to address reported invasive species, this is generally carried out as part of broader neighbourhood Parks team workstreams, rather than logged as discrete, trackable actions against each individual report. As such, information on the specific remedial action taken, and the area cleared in each instance, cannot be readily identified from our current information systems.

I would however add that the Council fully recognises its duty of care in relation to land management and the potential seriousness of invasive non-native species. Every report received is assessed, and where appropriate, action is addressed at a local level by neighbourhood Parks teams.