

Plants Assessed for Risk of Becoming Invasive in California

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Plants scoring "high-risk" are included in the Cal-IPC Inventory as "watch" plants.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	Category	Conf.	Flag	Notes
<i>Acacia baileyana</i>	cootamundra wattle	Fabaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Acacia cyclops</i>	cyclops acacia	Fabaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Acacia paradoxa</i>	kangaroothorn	Fabaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Acacia pycnantha</i>	golden wattle	Fabaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Acaena novae-zelandiae</i>	biddy-biddy	Rosaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>	jointed goatgrass	Poaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>	meadow foxtail	Poaceae	high-risk	.		
<i>Alyssum murale</i> , <i>A. corsicum</i>	yellowtuft	Brassicaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Ambrosia trifida</i>	giant ragweed	Asteraceae	high-risk	●	◆	Climate in most of CA seems unsuitable.
<i>Araujia sericifera</i>	bladderflower	Asclepiadaceae	high-risk	●	◆	Widespread in SoCal, unclear it will have impact.
<i>Berberis darwinii</i>	Darwin barberry	Berberidaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Berteroa incana</i>	Hoary alyssum	Brassicaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	butterfly bush	Buddlejaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Carex pendula</i>	hanging sedge	Cyperaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Casuarina equisetifolia</i>	beach sheoak	Casuarinaceae	high-risk	●	◆	Climate in most of CA seems unsuitable.
<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	pink periwinkle, Madagascar	Apocynaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Cenchrus echinatus</i>	Southern Sandbur	Poaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Cenchrus longispinus</i>	mat sandbur	Poaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Centaurea diluta</i>	N. African knapweed	Asteraceae	high-risk	.		
<i>Cestrum parqui</i>	willow jessamine	Solanaceae	high-risk	●	◆	CA populations not known to spread aggressively to date.
<i>Chasmanthe floribunda</i>	African cornflag	Iridaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Cytisus multiflorus</i>	white spanishbroom	Fabaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Cytisus palmensis</i>	tagasaste	Fabaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Datura innoxia</i>	pricklyburr	Solanaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Dipogon lignosus</i>	okie bean	Fabaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Dipsacus laciniatus</i>	cutleaf teasel	Dipsacaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Dittrichia viscosa</i>	false yellowhead	Asteraceae	high-risk	.		
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Patterson's curse	Boraginaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Elymus farctus</i>	Russian wheatgrass	Poaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Eucalyptus cladocalyx</i>	sugargum	Myrtaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Euphorbia lathyris</i>	caper spurge	Euphorbiaceae	high-risk	.		
<i>Fallopia xbohemica</i>	Bohemian knotweed (X)	Polygonaceae	high-risk	.		
<i>Galega officinalis</i>	professorweed	Fabaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	shining geranium	Geraniaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Genista linifolia</i>	Mediterranean broom	Fabaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Grevillea robusta</i>	silkoak	Proteaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Gunnera tinctoria</i>	Chilean gunnera	Gunneraceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>	baby's breath	Caryophyllaceae	high-risk	●		Note: wild form only; cultivated form is less invasive.
<i>Helianthus tuberosus</i>	Jerusalem artichoke	Asteraceae	high-risk	●	◆	Needs more water than most CA habitats have.
<i>Heliotropium amplexicaule</i>	clasping or blue heliotrope	Boraginaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	giant hogweed	Apiaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Hyparrhenia hirta</i>	Tambookie grass	Poaceae	high-risk	●		
<i>Hypericum androsaemum</i>	sweet-amber	Hypericaceae	high-risk	●	◆	Has been in CA a long time and has not spread.
<i>Hypericum grandifolium</i>	large-leaved hypericum	Hypericaceae	high-risk	.		
<i>Ipomoea indica</i>	blue morningglory	Convolvulaceae	high-risk	●		

Flags

Expert opinion suggest this plant may be:

- ◆ Less concerning than category suggests
- * More concerning than category suggests

[See note associated with each flag.]

Confidence

- high
- medium
- low

[Based on assessor confidence in sources.]

<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i>	redhot poker	Liliaceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Lantana camara</i>	lantana	Verbenaceae	high-risk	●	◆ Has been in CA a long time and has not spread.
<i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>	Australian tea tree	Myrtaceae	high-risk	.	
<i>Malephora crocea</i>	coppery mesembryanthemum	Aizoaceae	high-risk	●	◆ CA populations not known to spread aggressively to date.
<i>Maytenus boaria</i>	mayten	Celastraceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Nardus stricta</i>	matgrass	Poaceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Nothoscordum gracile</i>	false garlic	Liliaceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Oncosiphon piluliferum</i>	globe chamomile	Asteraceae	high-risk	.	
<i>Onopordum illyricum</i>	illyerian thistle	Asteraceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Orobanche aegyptiaca</i>	Egyptian broomrape	Orobanchaceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Paraserianthes (Albizia) lophantha</i>	plume acacia	Fabaceae	high-risk	.	
<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	Santa Maria feverfew	Asteraceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Paspalum urvillei</i>	Vasey's grass	Poaceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Paspalum vaginatum</i>	seashore paspalum	Poaceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Passiflora tarminiana</i>	banana passionfruit	Passifloraceae	high-risk	●	◆ Needs more water than most CA habitats have.
<i>Peganum harmala</i>	African-rue, harmel	Zygophyllaceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Pennisetum villosum</i>	feathertop	Poaceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Persicaria wallichii</i>	Himalayan knotweed	Polygonaceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Pittosporum undulatum</i>	Victorian box	Pittosporaceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Plecostachys serpyllifolia</i>	petite-licorice	Asteraceae	high-risk	.	
<i>Polygala myrtifolia</i>	myrtle-leaf milkwort	Polygalaceae	high-risk	.	
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	Callery pear	Rosaceae	high-risk	.	
<i>Rhamnus alaternus</i>	Italian buckthorn	Rhamnaceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Romulea rosea</i>	rosy sandcrocus	Iridaceae	high-risk	.	
<i>Rytidosperma caespitosum</i>	wallabygrass	Poaceae	high-risk	.	
<i>Salpichroa origanifolia</i>	lily of the valley vine	Solanaceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Salsola ryanii</i>	none	Chenopodiaceae	high-risk	.	
<i>Salsola soda</i>	glasswort	Chenopodiaceae	high-risk	.	
<i>Salvia aethiopsis</i>	mediterranean sage	Lamiaceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Scabiosa atropurpurea</i>	pincushion flower	Dipsacaceae	high-risk	.	
<i>Scalymus hispanicus</i>	goldenthistle	Asteraceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Senecio linearifolius</i>	fireweed groundsel	Asteraceae	high-risk	.	
<i>Solanum aviculare</i>	New Zealand nightshade	Solanaceae	high-risk	●	◆ CA populations not known to spread aggressively to date.
<i>Solanum carolinense</i>	Carolina horsenettle	Solanaceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Sphaerophysa salsula</i>	alkali swainsonpea	Fabaceae	high-risk	.	
<i>Stipa brachychaeta</i>	punagrass	Poaceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Stipa (Nassella) tenuissima</i>	Mexican feathergrass	Poaceae	high-risk	●	◆ CA populations not known to spread aggressively to date.
<i>Tamarix chinensis</i>	five-stamen tamarisk	Tamaricaceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Ventenata dubia</i>	North Africa grass	Poaceae	high-risk	●	
<i>Verbena bonariensis</i>	tall vervain	Verbenaceae	high-risk	.	
<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>	Syrian beancaper	Zygophyllaceae	high-risk	.	
<i>Acacia elata</i>	cedar wattle	Fabaceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	garlic mustard	Brassicaceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Aptenia cordifolia</i>	heartleaf iceplant, baby sun	Aizoaceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>	field marigold	Asteraceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Catalpa bignonioides</i>	southern catalpa	Bignoniaceae	eval. further	.	
<i>Centaurea iberica</i>	Iberian starthistle	Asteraceae	eval. further	.	
<i>Centaurea sulphurea</i>	Sicilian starthistle	Asteraceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Coprosma repens</i>	creeping mirrorplant	Rubiaceae	eval. further	.	
<i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i>	carrotwood	Sapindaceae	eval. further	●	

<i>Echium pininana</i>	tower of jewels	Boraginaceae	eval. further	.	
<i>Elymus ponticus</i>	tall wheatgrass	Poaceae	eval. further	.	
<i>Erigeron karvinskianus</i>	Mexican daisy	Asteraceae	eval. further	●	* Spreading into rocky wild areas near coast.
<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	loquat	Rosaceae	eval. further	.	
<i>Eucalyptus conferruminata</i>	spider gum	Myrtaceae	eval. further	.	
<i>Euphorbia dendroides</i>	tree spurge	Euphorbiaceae	eval. further	●	* Spreading and forming thickets from Santa Barbara to Los Angeles.
<i>Fallopia baldschuanica (Polygonum auber)</i>	Chinese fleecyvine	Polygonaceae	eval. further	.	
<i>Fuchsia magellanica</i>	hardy fuchsia	Onagraceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	white ramping fumitory	Papaveraceae	eval. further	.	* Invasive in waste areas and spreading along roads into wild areas.
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	honey locust	Fabaceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i>	licorice	Fabaceae	eval. further	.	
<i>Grevillea rosmarinifolia</i>	rosemary grevillea	Proteaceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Hibiscus trionum</i>	Venice mallow	Malvaceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Hypericum calycinum</i>	Aaron's beard, rose of Sharon	Hypericaceae	eval. further	.	
<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>	yellow archangel	Lamiaceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Linum trigynum</i>	French flax	Linaceae	eval. further	.	
<i>Macfadyena unguis-cati</i>	cat's claw vine	Bignoniaceae	eval. further	.	◆ Has been in CA a long time and has not spread.
<i>Melianthus major</i>	honey flower	Melanthaceae	eval. further	.	
<i>Oenothera glazioviana</i>	redsepal evening primrose	Onagraceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Onopordum tauricum</i>	Taurian thistle	Asteraceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Oxalis latifolia</i>	broadleaf woodsorrel	Oxalidaceae	eval. further	.	
<i>Passiflora caerulea</i>	blue passionflower	Passifloraceae	eval. further	.	
<i>Passiflora tripartita var. mollissima</i>	banana passionfruit	Passifloraceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Pittosporum tobira</i>	mock orange, Japanese	Pittosporaceae	eval. further	.	
<i>Puccinellia maritima</i>	seaside alkaligrass	Poaceae	eval. further	.	* Moving into salt marsh habitat.
<i>Ranunculus arvensis</i>	field buttercup	Ranunculaceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Rapistrum rugosum</i>	turnip weed	Brassicaceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Rubus ulmifolius var. anoplothrysis</i>	elmleaf blackberry	Rosaceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Salvia verbenaca</i>	wild clary	Lamiaceae	eval. further	.	
<i>Senna didymobotrya</i>	African senna	Fabaceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Stipa purpurata</i>	bristly needlegrass	Poaceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Strigosella (Malcolmia) africana</i>	African mustard	Brassicaceae	eval. further	.	
<i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i>	wandering jew	Commelinaceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Urospermum picroides</i>	prickly goldenfleece	Asteraceae	eval. further	●	
<i>Verbascum virgatum</i>	wand mullein	Scrophulariaceae	eval. further	.	
<i>Acacia redolens 'Low Boy'</i>	bank catclaw	Fabaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Aeschynomene rudis</i>	rough jointvetch	Fabaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Aira praecox</i>	European hairgrass	Poaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Anagallis monelli</i>	flaxleaf pimpernel	Myrsinaceae	low-risk	.	* Established in coastal scrub in Berkeley hills.
<i>Astragalus cicer</i>	Cicer milkvetch	Fabaceae	low-risk	●	* Spreading in Sierra in open pine forest habitat.
<i>Atriplex amnicola</i>	swamp saltbush	Chenopodiaceae	low-risk	●	
<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	wild cabbage	Brassicaceae	low-risk	●	
<i>Calamintha sylvatica ssp ascendens</i>	woodland calamint	Lamiaceae	low-risk	.	* Established in coastal scrub in Berkeley hills.
<i>Cistus ladanifer</i>	gum rockrose	Cistaceae	low-risk	●	
<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	wild basil	Lamiaceae	low-risk	.	* Established in coastal scrub in Berkeley hills.
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	garden coreopsis	Asteraceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Coronilla valentina ssp. glauca</i>	Mediterranean crownvetch	Fabaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Crepis pulchra</i>	smallflower hawksbeard	Asteraceae	low-risk	.	* A weed of disturbed areas. New collections suggest spread.
<i>Cyperus papyrus</i>	papyrus	Cyperaceae	low-risk	●	
<i>Dimorphotheca sinuata</i>	African daisy	Asteraceae	low-risk	●	

<i>Diospyros lotus</i>	persimmon, date plum	Ebenaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Enchylaena tomentosa</i>	ruby saltbush	Chenopodiaceae	low-risk	.	* Spreading into grasslands in San Diego County.
<i>Esenbeckia flava</i>	Palo amarillo	Rutaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Euphorbia exigua</i>	dwarf spurge	Euphorbiaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Fraxinus uhdei</i>	evergreen ash	Oleaceae	low-risk	●	* Moving from plantings into riparian habitat.
<i>Geranium retrorsum</i>	New Zealand geranium	Geraniaceae	low-risk	●	
<i>Glebionis segetum</i>	corn chrysanthemum	Asteraceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Halimodendron halodendron</i>	common salttree	Fabaceae	low-risk	.	* Eradicated from CA in the past.
<i>Heliotropium supinum</i>	dwarf heliotrope	Boraginaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Iris orientalis</i>	yellowband iris	Iridaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i>	jacaranda, black poui	Bignoniaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	golden rain tree	Sapindaceae	low-risk	.	* Escaping in Southern California.
<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i> 'Texanum'	Japanese privet	Oleaceae	low-risk	●	
<i>Ligustrum ovalifolium</i>	California privet	Oleaceae	low-risk	.	* Escaping in Bay Area.
<i>Limonium otolepis</i>	Asian sea lavender	Plumbaginaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Limonium perezii</i>	Perez's sealavender	Plumbaginaceae	low-risk	.	* Escaping in coastal sage scrub around estuaries.
<i>Lotus angustissimus</i>	narrow-leaf bird's-foot trefoil	Fabaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Ludwigia decurrens</i>	winged-water primrose	Onagraceae	low-risk	●	* Moving from rice fields into native habitats.
<i>Mercurialis annua</i>	annual mercury	Euphorbiaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Muehlenbeckia complexa</i>	mattress vine	Polygonaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Myoporum acuminatum</i>	boobiolla	Scrophulariaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Oenothera sinuosa</i> (<i>Gaura sinuata</i>)	wavyleaf beeblossom	Onagraceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Onobrychis vicifolia</i>	sainfoin	Fabaceae	low-risk	●	
<i>Osteospermum ecklonis</i>	African daisy	Asteraceae	low-risk	●	
<i>Osteospermum fruticosum</i>	shrubby daisybush	Asteraceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Papaver somniferum</i>	opium poppy	Papaveraceae	low-risk	●	
<i>Pentaschistis airoides</i>	false hairgrass	Poaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i>	date palm	Arecaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Photinia serratifolia</i>	Taiwanese photinia	Rosaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Photinia x fraseri</i>	Fraser's photinia	Rosaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Physalis subglabrata</i>	longleaf smooth ground	Solanaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	Chinese pistache	Anacardiaceae	low-risk	●	
<i>Plantago arenaria</i>	Indian plantain	Plantaginaceae	low-risk	.	* Spreading in Bolsa Chica wetlands.
<i>Rhagadiolus stellatus</i>	star endive	Asteraceae	low-risk	.	* Spreading in Napa, Sonoma and Solano counties.
<i>Roldana petasitis</i>	velvet groundsel	Asteraceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Rumex dentatus</i>	toothed dock	Polygonaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Salsola vermiculata</i> (<i>damascena</i>)	shrubby Russian thistle	Chenopodiaceae	low-risk	.	* Persisting despite active control for 25 years.
<i>Schinus polygama</i>	Hardee peppertree	Anacardiaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Senecio quadridentatus</i>	cotton burnweed	Asteraceae	low-risk	●	* Shows ability to invade coastal scrub. Spreads with fire.
<i>Senna multiglandulosa</i>	glandular senna	Fabaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Tribolium obliterum</i>	Capetown grass	Poaceae	low-risk	.	* Established at Fort Ord.
<i>Trifolium suffocatum</i>	suffocated clover	Fabaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Verbena litoralis</i>	seashore vervain	Verbenaceae	low-risk	.	* Probably more widespread in CA than known. Invasive in wetlands.
<i>Viscum album</i>	European mistletoe	Viscaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	chaste tree	Verbenaceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Voluntaria muricata</i>	Morocco knapweed	Asteraceae	low-risk	.	
<i>Watsonia borbonica</i>	watsonia	Iridaceae	low-risk	.	