

Sacramento County Weed Management Area

Robla Creek Mapping and Weed Removal

Project Overview:

The Robla Sesbania Eradication Project was initiated in June 2008 with a WMA Supplemental Grant to control red sesbania (*Sesbania punicea*). This project targeted removal of seedlings and mature sesbania plants throughout Robla and Magpie Creeks, and the upstream portion of Steelhead Creek, in north Sacramento.

In 2008 and 2009, volunteer work groups removed a substantial portion of the mature Sesbania plants (and millions of seed pods) currently infesting these three watersheds. Due to the open access conditions, larger work groups were deployed along both sides of Steelhead Creek while smaller groups worked along the edges of Robla and Magpie creeks.

Species Targeted: Red sesbania, *Sesbania punicea*

Location:

Northern Sacramento County

Goals and Accomplishments:

- A. Lead 14 volunteer work groups primarily in the Robla Creek wetlands area.
- B. Recruited unsupervised Invasive Plant Patrols (IPPs), to remove seedlings in the upper portions of Robla and Magpie Creeks.
- C. Lead two large groups, as part of Creek Week 2010, to remove remaining small sesbania plants along upper Steelhead Creek.
- D. Hired a herbicide applicator to treat sesbania seedling flushes, and any remaining mature plants growing in hard-to-access areas, especially those in the Robla Creek wetlands that are only accessible by canoe.
- E. Monitored all three watersheds to assess the level of sesbania population control

Project Funding: State WMA funds.

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Robla Wetlands BEFORE Sesbania Removal



Robla Wetlands AFTER Sesbania Removal



Robla Sesbania Removal Crew