

Resources

There is a wealth of information available to weed workers. The following is but a brief introduction to the organizations and publications that deal with invasive plants.

BAY AREA WEED MANAGEMENT AREAS

Weed Management Areas (WMAs) are county-based groups composed of diverse stakeholders interested in weed control. Their work focuses on three areas: mapping, education, and on-the-ground control projects. Each has an official memorandum of understanding with the state's Department of Food and Agriculture. Most are coordinated by county agricultural departments. WMAs are often the best place to start when looking for local expertise on weed issues.

Alameda/Contra Costa County WMA: (925) 646-5250

Solano County WMA: (707) 421-7465

Marin/Sonoma County WMA: (415) 499-6700

San Francisco County WMA: (415) 668-4392

San Mateo County WMA: (650) 363-4700

Santa Clara County WMA: (408) 224-7476 x822

Santa Cruz County WMA: (831) 763-8080

General Weed Info

tncweeds.ucdavis.edu

A collaboration between UC Davis and the Nature Conservancy, this site includes detailed information on many invasive species, tools, control methods, events, and a listserv.

wric.ucdavis.edu

The Weed Research and Information Center at UC Davis carries out research and disseminates information on weed management to benefit agriculture and natural areas.

www.cal-ipc.org

The California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) works to protect California wildlands from invasive plants through research, restoration, and education.

www.thewatershedproject.org

The Watershed Project offers outreach programs on creeks, wetlands, and watersheds to the public and educators in the San Francisco Bay Area.

plants.usda.gov

The US Department of Agriculture has a national plant database that includes invasive species.

www.invasivespecies.gov

This site lists invasive species activities and programs at the federal and state level.

www.ice.ucdavis.edu/nrpi

Co-managed by UC Davis and the California Biodiversity Council, the Natural Resource Project Inventory (NRPI) is a database of noxious weed control projects in California.

Species-Specific Info

ceres.ca.gov/tadn

Team Arundo del Norte is a forum of organizations dedicated to controlling *Arundo donax* (giant reed) in Central and Northern California. Its Web site provides comprehensive information on ways to remove giant reed.

www.noivyleague.com

A Web site dedicated to the control of English ivy.

www.ipm.ucdavis.edu

UC Davis' online IPM web site provides detailed information on removing yellow starthistle, invasive blackberries, and other weeds.

Print Publications

www.cdfa.ca.gov

Noxious Times is a quarterly magazine published by the California Department of Food and Agriculture with information on noxious weed control throughout California.

www.cal-ipc.org

Cal-IPC News is published four times a year by the California Invasive Plant Council.

Tools & Equipment

www.lampedesign.com

The Root Talon is designed for pulling up small tree saplings.

www.canonbal.org/weed.html

The Weed Wrench is suitable for pulling up broom.

www.flameeng.com/Vapor_Torch_Kits.html

The Vapor Torch can be used to kill thistles at the rosette stage.

Organizations

In addition to the few organizations listed below, there are many local groups doing weed removal projects.

www.sercal.org

The California chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration is dedicated to restoring California's damaged ecosystems and offers conferences, workshops, and educational activities.

www.cnps.org

The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) promotes the preservation of California's native flora. Several local chapters in the Bay Area offer events, including weed removal activities: Yerba Buena (for San Francisco and northern San Mateo County), Napa, Marin, East Bay, Santa Clara Valley, and Santa Cruz.

www.acterra.org

Acterra is a Palo Alto-based environmental group that aims to protect and restore the local natural environment through stewardship, information, and leadership. Web site features a calendar of events for the Bay Area.

www.weedcenter.org

The Center for Invasive Plant Management's Web site includes funding opportunities for groups interested in developing a weed management area.

Agencies

www.nps.gov/goga

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area is the largest urban national park in the United States, and offers many education and volunteer opportunities.

www.parks.sfgov.org

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department has a Natural Areas Program that offers ongoing volunteer opportunities in habitat restoration.

www.ebparks.org

The East Bay Park Regional District works to increase public awareness of the regional parks system. Volunteer opportunities include invasive weed removal.

www.openspace.org

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District seeks to acquire and preserve a regional greenbelt of open space land within the Bay Area for future generations. Volunteer opportunities are available.

www.parks.ca.gov

California State Parks aims to preserve the state's biological diversity and protect its natural and cultural resources.

www.cdfa.ca.gov/wma

Weed Management Areas (WMAs) are local organizations that bring together landowners and managers to coordinate efforts against invasive weeds. WMAs exist in most of the Bay Area counties. The Web site lists weed control projects in each WMA.

www.cdpr.ca.gov

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation's Web site features links on integrated pest management, pesticide licensing, pest management grants, and general pesticide information.

Workshops/Trainings

www.merrittlandhort.com

The Department of Landscape Horticulture at Merritt College, Oakland, offers classes in weed identification and control.

www.thewatershedproject.org

The Watershed Project offers workshops based on this handbook.