

**San Francisco Bay Area Network  
Inventory and Monitoring Program**



**Field-Testing an Invasive Plant Species  
Early Detection Protocol  
in the San Francisco Area Network  
of National Parks**

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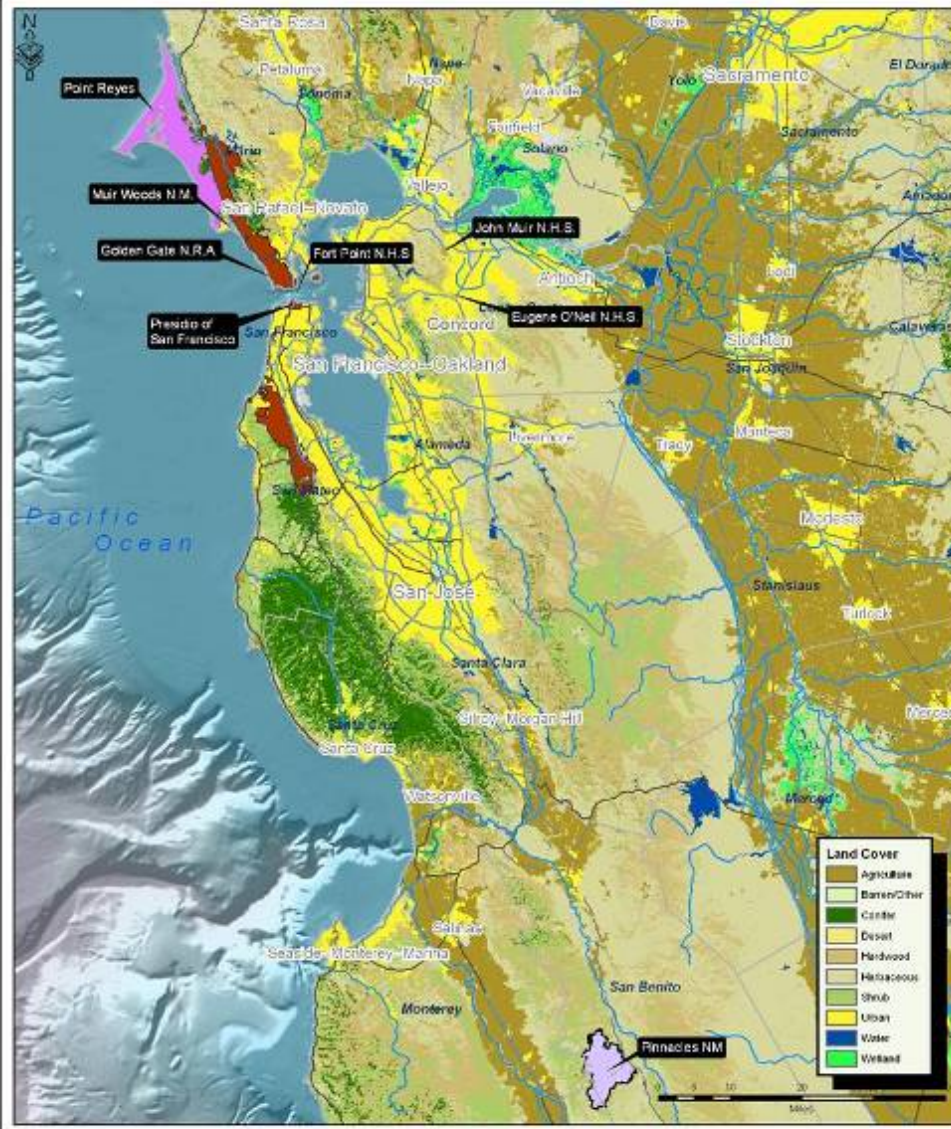
# National Vital Signs Program





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# San Francisco Bay Area Network Inventory and Monitoring Program

# Vital Signs



- Weather
- Invasive plant species
- Freshwater quality
- Air quality
- Streamfish assemblages
- Rare plant species
- Spotted owls





## Three vegetation-related:



- invasive species  
(early detection and status/trends)
- rare plant species
- plant community change



## Monitoring questions for invasives early detection:

- Where are new populations of invasive plant species becoming established in SFAN parks?
- What are the main corridors and predictors for invasive species establishment?
- Are invasive species spreading into sensitive or critical park habitat?



## Monitoring objective: Species list

- ✦ *Develop and revise as needed a list of target species that do not currently occur in the parks, occur in localized areas of parks, or are extremely rare, but that would cause major ecological or economic problems if they were to become established in SFAN parks.*





## Monitoring objective: Identify priority areas

- ✦ *Rank SFAN subwatersheds by management priority, risk, and current infestation level to develop priority list. Identify and monitor the top 25% of sites annually, the next 50% of sites biennially, and the remaining 25% within 5 years (55% of all subwatersheds visited each year) noting presence and absence of priority weed species.*



## Monitoring objective: Survey roads and trails

- ✦ *Inventory all public roads and trails in SFAN Parks at least once per year for the next 5 years using visual assessment and GPS technology to detect and accurately map incipient populations of the top-priority plant species on the SFAN Invasive Plant list. Monitoring and mapping will be conducted by trained volunteers and interns using the Weed Information Management System (WIMS) platform.*



Monitoring objective: Evaluate and refine

- ✦ Every 5 years, *evaluate invasive plant monitoring and mapping data* collected to *determine* the primary pathways and *predictive factors* leading to new invasions in the park. Use this data to *refine* subwatershed *rankings* for search priority. *Identify possible management actions* to prevent new infestations.

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# Field Test



- ✔ Test at Golden Gate, revise and expand
- ✔ Location, strong tradition of volunteerism make program feasible

25,000 hours of exotics removal annually

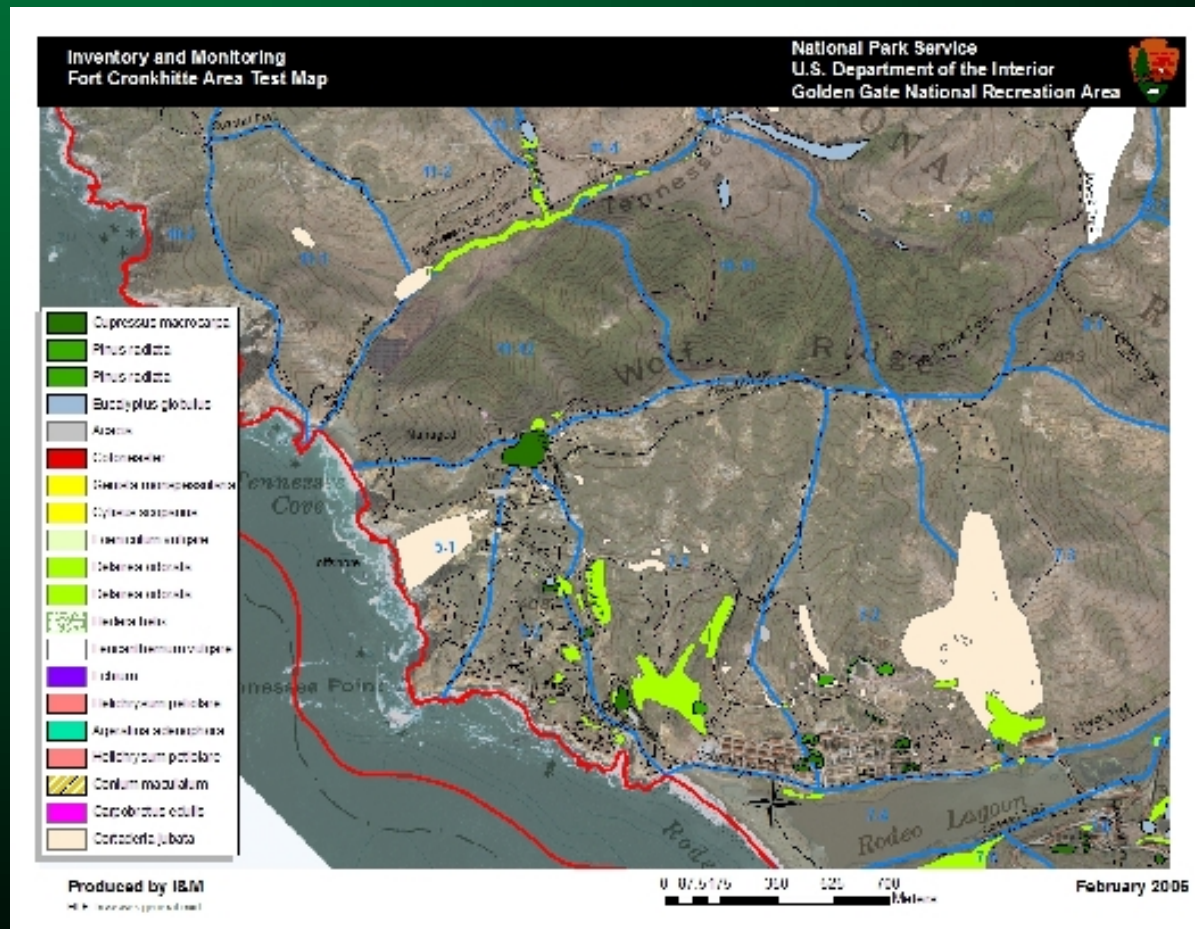
150,000 hours of natural resource stewardship annually



- ✔ Habitat Restoration Team
- ✔ Native Plant Nurseries
- ✔ Presidio Site Stewards
- ✔ Site Stewardship
- ✔ Invasive Plant Patrol
- ✔ Fort Funston Green Team
- ✔ Muir Woods
- ✔ Crissy Field

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# Prioritizing Locations



# Priority factor: Invasive plants present

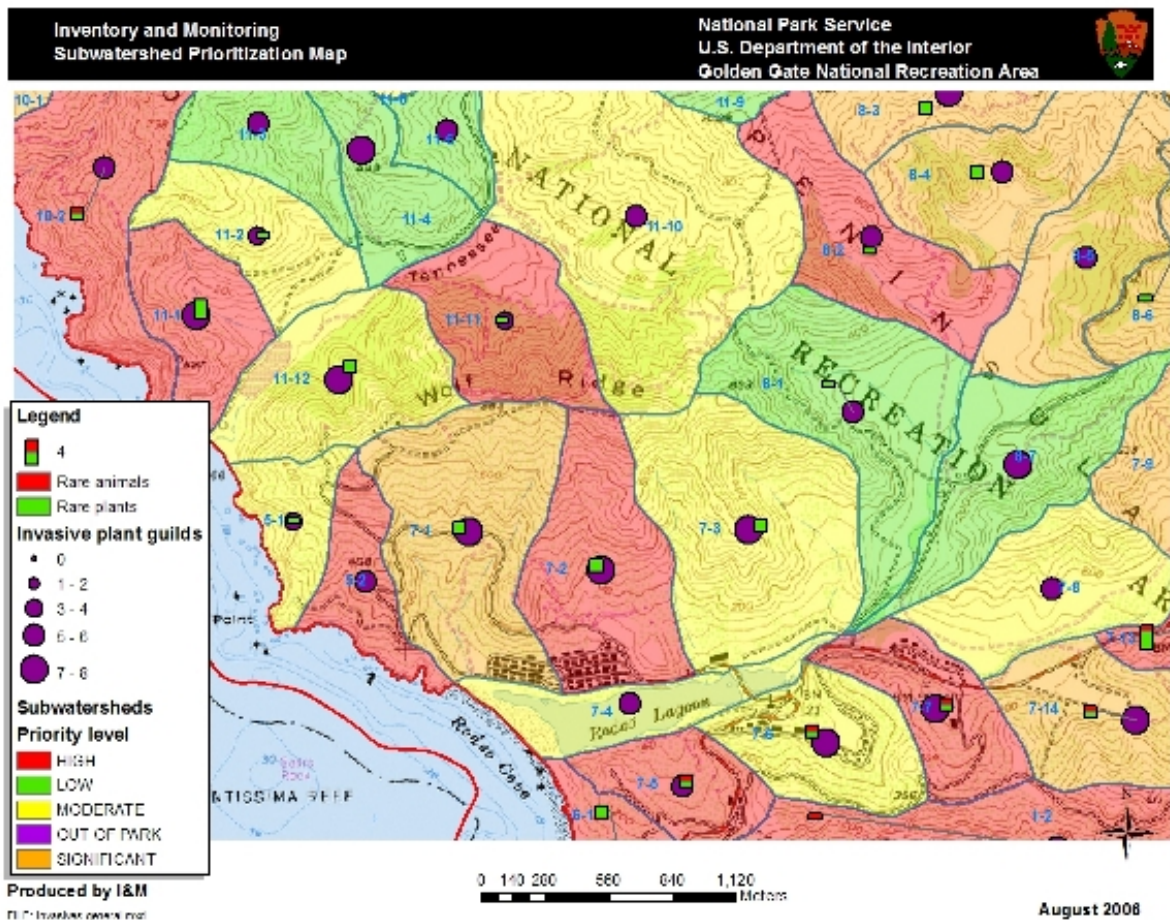


SubwatershedCode	FullSpeciesName	Guild
GGNRA7-1	Acacia melanoxyylon	tree
GGNRA7-1	Acacia sp.	tree
GGNRA7-1	Ageratina adenophora	shrub/subshrub
GGNRA7-1	Albizia lophantha	tree
GGNRA7-1	Arctotheca calendula	vine/groundcover
GGNRA7-1	Avena sp.	grass
GGNRA7-1	Carpobrotus edulis	vine/groundcover
GGNRA7-1	Cirsium vulgare	thistle
GGNRA7-1	Conium maculatum	herb
GGNRA7-1	Cortaderia jubata	grass
GGNRA7-1	Cotoneaster pannosa	shrub/subshrub
GGNRA7-1	Cotoneaster sp.	shrub/subshrub
GGNRA7-1	Crococsmia crocosmiiflora	forb
GGNRA7-1	Cupressus macrocarpa	tree
GGNRA7-1	Cytisus scoparius	broom
GGNRA7-1	Delairea odorata	vine/groundcover
GGNRA7-1	Eucalyptus globulus	tree
GGNRA7-1	Foeniculum vulgare	forb
GGNRA7-1	Genista monspessulana	broom
GGNRA7-1	Hebe franciscana	shrub/subshrub
GGNRA7-1	Helichrysum petiolatum	shrub/subshrub
GGNRA7-1	Leptospermum laevigata	shrub/subshrub
GGNRA7-1	Leucanthemum vulgare	herb
GGNRA7-1	Paspalum dilatatum	grass
GGNRA7-1	Phalaris aquatica	grass
GGNRA7-1	Pinus radiata	tree
GGNRA7-1	Pinus sp.	tree
GGNRA7-1	Pyracantha angustifolia	shrub/subshrub
GGNRA7-1	Raphanus sativus	forb
GGNRA7-1	Ulex europaea	broom
GGNRA7-1	Zantedeschia aethiopica	forb
GGNRA7-4	Ageratina adenophora	shrub/subshrub
GGNRA7-4	Carpobrotus chilensis	vine/groundcover
GGNRA7-4	Carpobrotus edulis	vine/groundcover
GGNRA7-4	Conium maculatum	herb
GGNRA7-4	Cortaderia jubata	grass
GGNRA7-4	Cupressus macrocarpa	tree
GGNRA7-4	Delairea odorata	vine/groundcover
GGNRA7-4	Genista monspessulana	broom
GGNRA7-4	Pinus radiata	tree
GGNRA7-4	Pittosporum crassifolium	shrub/subshrub

SubwatershedCode	FullSpeciesName	Guild
GGNRA7-2	Acacia sp.	tree
GGNRA7-2	Ageratina adenophora	shrub/subshrub
GGNRA7-2	Amaryllis belladonna	forb
GGNRA7-2	Arctotheca calendula	vine/groundcover
GGNRA7-2	Carex sp.	grass
GGNRA7-2	Carpobrotus chilensis	vine/groundcover
GGNRA7-2	Carpobrotus edulis	vine/groundcover
GGNRA7-2	Centaurea calcitrapa	thistle
GGNRA7-2	Conium maculatum	herb
GGNRA7-2	Cortaderia jubata	grass
GGNRA7-2	Cotoneaster pannosa	shrub/subshrub
GGNRA7-2	Cotoneaster sp.	shrub/subshrub
GGNRA7-2	Cupressus macrocarpa	tree
GGNRA7-2	Delairea odorata	vine/groundcover
GGNRA7-2	Festuca arundinacea	grass
GGNRA7-2	Genista monspessulana	broom
GGNRA7-2	Helichrysum petiolatum	shrub/subshrub
GGNRA7-2	Holcus lanatus	grass
GGNRA7-2	Leucanthemum vulgare	herb
GGNRA7-2	Pennisetum clandestinum	grass
GGNRA7-2	Phalaris aquatica	grass
GGNRA7-2	Pinus radiata	tree
GGNRA7-2	Silybum marianum	thistle
GGNRA7-2	Zantedeschia aethiopica	forb
GGNRA7-3	Ageratina adenophora	shrub/subshrub
GGNRA7-3	Arctotheca calendula	vine/groundcover
GGNRA7-3	Cirsium vulgare	thistle
GGNRA7-3	Conium maculatum	herb
GGNRA7-3	Cortaderia jubata	grass
GGNRA7-3	Cortaderia seloana	grass
GGNRA7-3	Cotoneaster pannosa	shrub/subshrub
GGNRA7-3	Cotoneaster sp.	shrub/subshrub
GGNRA7-3	Crococsmia crocosmiiflora	forb
GGNRA7-3	Delairea odorata	vine/groundcover
GGNRA7-3	Festuca arundinacea	grass
GGNRA7-3	Helichrysum petiolatum	shrub/subshrub
GGNRA7-3	Leucanthemum vulgare	herb
GGNRA7-3	Phalaris aquatica	grass
GGNRA7-3	Pinus radiata	tree
GGNRA7-3	Sonchus sp.	thistle
GGNRA7-3	Ulex europaea	broom
GGNRA7-3	Zantedeschia aethiopica	forb

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FullLatinName	CalIPC Status (05)	Cal-IPC Score	CDFA Score	TNC ESA	TNC Score	Alterer Score	Endanger er Score	Ease of Control	Control Score	Feasibility of Control	WMA Score	Total Score
<i>Acacia decurrens</i>		0	0	G	1	1	0	M	1	H	0	3
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Low	1	0	Y	2	1	0	L	2	M	1	7
<i>Acacia verticillata</i>		0	0	G	1	1	0	M	1	M	0	3
<i>Ageratina adenophora</i>	Moderate	2	0	N	1	0	0	L	2	L	1	6
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Moderate	2	0	Y	2	1	0	L	2	H	1	8
<i>Albizia lophantha</i>		0	0	G	1	0	0	M	1	H	0	2
<i>Allium triquetrum</i>		0	0	Y	0	0	0	M	1	M	0	1
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i>		0	0	N	1	0	0	M	1	L	0	2
<i>Amaryllis belladonna</i>		0	0	Y	0	0	0	H	0	H	0	0
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i>	High	3	0	Y	2	1	1	L	2	L	1	10
<i>Aptenia cordifolia</i>	Not listed	0.5	0	N	1	0	0	M	1	H	0	3.25
<i>Arctotheca calendula</i>	Moderate--Alert	3	2	N	1	0	0	L	2	H	0	8
<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>		0	0	Y	0	0	0	L	2	M	0	2
<i>Arundo donax</i>	High	3	0	Y	2	1	0	L	2	H	1	9
<i>Bellardia trixago</i>	Low	1	0	Y	0	0	0	M	1	L	0	2
<i>Berberis darwinii</i>		0	0	Y	0	0	0	M	0	H	1	2
<i>Brassica nigra</i>		0	0	N	1	0	0	M	1	L	1	3
<i>Brassica rapa</i>	Low	1	0	N	1	0	0	M	1	L	1	4
<i>Calendula arvensis</i>		0	0	Y	0	0	0	H	0	H	0	0
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>	High	3	0	N	1	1	1	M	1	L	1	8
<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	Moderate	2	1	N	1	1	0	L	2	H	1	8
<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>	Moderate	2	0	N	1	1	0	M	1	L	1	6
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	High	3	1	Y	2	1	1	L	2	H	1	11
<i>Centranthus ruber</i>		0	0	Y	0	0	0	M	1	L	1	2
<i>Cestrum aurantiacum</i>		0	0	Y	0	0	0	H	0	H	0	0
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>		0	0	Y	0	0	0	M	0	H	1	9.75
<i>Conicosia pugioniformis</i>	Low	1	0	Y	0	0	0	M	1	H	1	3
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Moderate	2	0	Y	2	0	1	M	1	L	1	7
<i>Coprosma repens</i>	Not listed	0.5	0	Y	0	0	0	M	1	H	0	1.5
<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>	High	3	0	Y	2	0	1	L	2	H	1	9
<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	High	3	0	N	1	0	1	L	2	H	1	8
<i>Cotoneaster franchetii</i>	Moderate	2	0	Y	0	0	0	M	1	L	1	4
<i>Cotoneaster pannosus</i>	Moderate	2	0	Y	0	0	0	M	1	H	1	4
<i>Cotula coronopifolia</i>	Low	1	0	Y	0	0	0	M	1	L	0	2
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Low	1	0	Y	0	0	0	M	1	H	0	2
<i>Crocosmia X crocosmiiflora</i>	Low	1	0	N	1	0	0	M	1	M	0	3
<i>Cupressus macrocarpa</i>		0	0	Y	0	1	0	H	0	L	1	2
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Moderate	2	1	Y	2	0	0	L	2	H	0	7
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	High	3	1	Y	2	1	0	M	1	M	1	9
<i>Cytisus striatus</i>	Moderate	2	0	G	1	1	0	M	1	H	1	6

INVASIVE

NESS

[Biological] Ease of Control

[Budgetary] Feasibility of Control

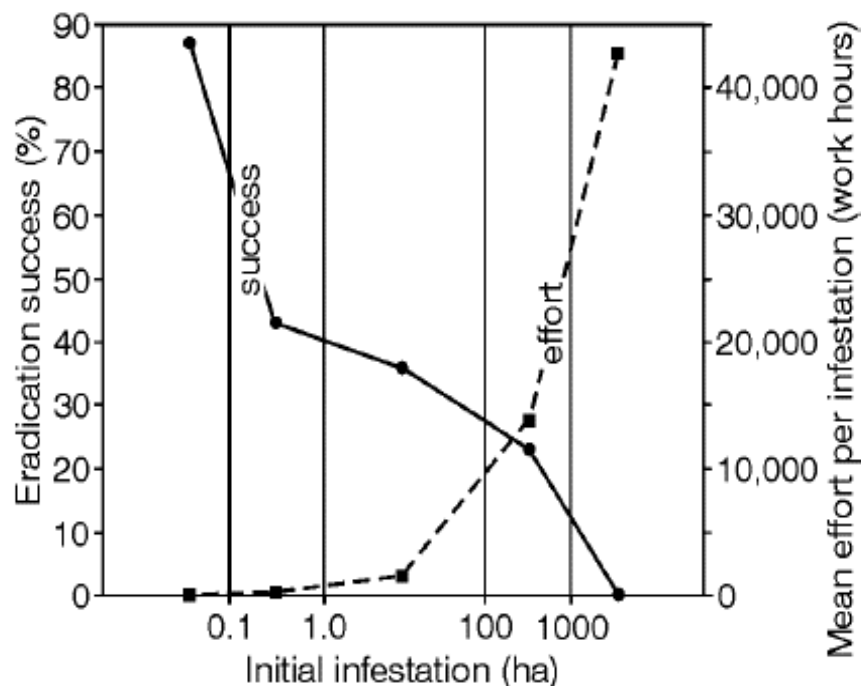




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# Feasibility

Rejmánek and Pitcairn: When is eradication a realistic goal?



**Fig. 1** The dependence of the eradication success (%) and the mean eradication effort per infestation (work hours) on the initial size of infestations. Based on the data for eradication projects of 18 noxious weed species and 53 independent infestations in California (see Table 1).



FullLatinName	CommonName	Priority	Family	SpCode
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	tree-of-heaven	1	Simaroubaceae	AIAL
<i>Arctotheca calendula</i>	capeweed	1	Asteraceae	ARCA45
<i>Arundo donax</i>	giant reed	1	Poaceae	ARDO4
<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>	plumeless thistle	1	Asteraceae	CAAC
<i>Carthamus lanatus</i>	woolly distaff thistle	1	Asteraceae	CALA20
<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	purple starthistle	1	Asteraceae	CECA2
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	yellow starthistle	1	Asteraceae	CESO3
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Canada thistle	1	Asteraceae	CIAR4
	Andean or purple pampas grass, jubata grass	1	Poaceae	COJU2
<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>				
<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	Uruguayan pampas grass	1	Poaceae	COSE4
<i>Cotoneaster pannosus</i>	silverleaf cotoneaster	1	Rosaceae	COPA14
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Bermudagrass	1	Poaceae	CYDA
	Portugese broom, striated broom	1	Fabaceae	CYST7
<i>Cytisus striatus</i>				
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	purple foxglove	1	Scrophulariaceae	DIPU
<i>Dittrichia graveolens</i>	stinkweed	1	Asteraceae	DIGR4
<i>Ehrharta calycina</i>	perennial veldt grass	1	Poaceae	EHCA
<i>Ehrharta erecta</i>	panic veldt grass	1	Poaceae	EHER
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Klamathweed	1	Clusiaceae	HYPE
<i>Mentha pulegium</i>	pennyroyal	1	Lamiaceae	MEPU
<i>Rubus discolor [procerus]</i>	Himalayan blackberry	1	Rosaceae	RUAR9
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish broom	1	Fabaceae	SPJU2
<i>Ulex europaea</i>	gorse, furze	1	Fabaceae	ULEU
<i>Vinca major</i>	periwinkle	1	Apocynaceae	VIMA
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	blackwood acacia	2	Fabaceae	ACME
<i>Ageratina adenophora</i>	thoroughwort, crofton weed	2	Asteraceae	AGAD2
<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>	slender-flowered thistle	2	Asteraceae	CATE2
<i>Carpobrotus chilensis</i>	sea fig	2	Aizoaceae	CACH38
	hottentot fig, freeway iceplant	2	Aizoaceae	CAED3
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>				
<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>	Napa thistle, tocalote	2	Asteraceae	CEME2
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	poison hemlock	2	Apiaceae	COMA2
<i>Cynara cardunculus</i>	artichoke thistle, cardoon	2	Asteraceae	CYCA
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Scotch broom	2	Fabaceae	CYSC4
<i>Delairea odorata</i>	cape ivy	2	Asteraceae	DEOD
	common teasel, Fuller's teasel	2	Dipsacaceae	DIFU2
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>				
<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i>	bluegum eucalyptus	2	Myrtaceae	EUGL
<i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>	eggleaf or oblong spurge	2	Euphorbiaceae	EUOB4
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	sweet fennel	2	Apiaceae	FOVU
<i>Genista monspessulana</i>	French broom	2	Fabaceae	GEMO2
<i>Hedera canariensis</i>	Algerian ivy	2	Araliaceae	HEDCA
<i>Hedera helix</i>	English ivy	2	Araliaceae	HEHE
<i>Helichrysum petiolare</i>	licorice plant	2	Asteraceae	HEPE8
<i>Hirschfeldia incana</i>	shortpod mustard	2	Brassicaceae	HIIN3
<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	velvet grass, Yorkshire fog	2	Poaceae	HOLA
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	English holly	2	Aquifoliaceae	ILAQ80
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	ox-eye daisy	2	Asteraceae	LEVU
<i>Mesembryanthemum crystallinum</i>	ice plant	2	Aizoaceae	MECR3
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	tree tobacco	2	Solanaceae	NIGL
<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	Bermuda buttercup	2	Oxalidaceae	OXPE
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canary grass	2	Poaceae	PHAR3
<i>Pinus radiata</i>	Monterey pine	2	Pinaceae	PIRA2
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	black locust	2	Fabaceae	ROPS
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	sheep sorrel	2	Polygonaceae	RUAC3



List 1: ED everywhere

List 2: ED for new populations, plus moderate priority+high feasibility species



# APCAM

APCAM 5.0

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- Modules
- APCAM
- LocationID/EventID
- Weather
- Activities Log
- Biocontrol Collection
- Canopy Cover Index

APCAM

Find LocationID   \* Required for Data Entry  
 Find EventID  + Required for Reporting

Date: 11/3/2002 Current Taxon: Pinus pinea

*General	Area	*Treatment	Other Chems	Count	Population
*LocationID	CHIS_CVR_01				
*EventID	CHIS_CVR_01_20021103_073000				
InfestationID					
*Taxon	Pinus pinea				
*Action	Treatment				

LocationID/EventID

CHIS\_CVR\_01

GDC Contact Geographic Accuracy Regional Coordinates

CHIS\_CVR\_01 Date LocationID Created 11/11/2002 mm/dd/yy  
 CHIS Initials of LocID Creator DLB  
 Yes Site marked in the field? No  
 Central Valley \*Geo How Current GPS1  
 Drainages below Red Peak, near Central Valley Ranch Geo How Desired NONE

CHIS\_CVR\_01\_20021103\_073000 2 EventID(s) for this LocationID

Individuals Crew APCAM Utilities

11/3/2002 mm/dd/yy \*Total Person Hours (for Entire Event) 10 Recorder (of Data) JEB  
 Preparation Time Person Hours  
 Travel Time Person Hours 0

EventID 1 of 2

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APCAM

Find LocationID   \* Required for Data Entry  
 Find EventID  + Required for Reporting

Date: 11/3/2002 Current Taxon: Pinus pinea

*General	Area	*Treatment	Other Chems	Count	Population
Inventoried	+Area Inventoried	30.95			
	+Area Inventoried Unit	ac			
	+Area Inventoried Acres	30.95			
Gross Infested	+Gross Infest Area	30.95			
	+Gross Infest Unit	ac			
	+Gross Infst (Acres)	30.95			
% of Gross Infested = Infested	Cover Class Set (G)	Daubenmire			
	Cover Class Code (G)	T			
	Cover Class % (G)	0.5			
	Cover Class	Mid-Point of Cover Class			
	Measurement Type (G)				
Infested	InfestationID:				
	Width	0	Length	0	Units
	+Infest Area	0.15475			
	+Infest (Units)	ac			
	+Infest Area (Acres)	0.15475000			
	+Infest Area Source	Cover Class Percent			
Treated	+Area Treated	0.15088125			
	+Area Treated (Unit)	ac			
	+Area Treated Acres	0.15088125			
Monitored					
Retreated					
% of Infested = Treated	Cover Class Set (I)	Daubenmire			
	Cover Class Code (I)	6			
	Cover Class % (I)	97.5			
	Cover Class	Mid-Point of Cover Class			
	Measurement Type (I)				

Form View



# WIMS 3 beta

**Main Menu**

## Weed Information Management System WIMS 3.11

Cancel Organization, Refresh Organization, Default Project, No Default Project Set

Administrative Data | Weed Data | Handfield and GIS Operations | Share WIMS Data

**Manage your organization and project information**

Open This Organization  
Set this as the default organization

Create A New Organization

**Manage your support lists**

Areas  
Plants  
Herbicides  
Adjuvants  
Bioprofits

Return To: Areas, Contact, Success, Project

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**Organization Information**

## Weed Information Management System Organization Information

The Organization information describes the Organization managing the weed project and its data. Contacts, Areas, Projects and their data are associated with Organizations and are not associated between them.

Organization Name

Organization Type: [dropdown]  
Contact Person: [dropdown]  
Address Line 1: [text]  
Address Line 2: [text]  
City: [text]  
State: [text]  
Zip: [text]

Geographic Info: [text]  
Description: [text]

Contacting Info: Project, Phone2, e-mail, URL

**Weed Occurrence**

## Weed Information Management System Weed Occurrence

A Weed Occurrence is a basic observation of a weed plant or population. It may then be further described in a Weed Assessment.

**Weed Occurrence Name:**

Plant Name: [text]  
Comments: [text]  
Discovery Year: [text]  
Date Recorded: 4/12/2006

Latitude/Longitude USPLS HUC

**Geographic Information**

You must fill in Lat-Lon or USPLS

Latitude: [text] decimal degrees  
Longitude: [text] decimal degrees

Accuracy: [dropdown]  
Minimum Mapping Unit: [dropdown] Square Kilometer

Data Recorder: [dropdown]

Duplicate WO | Save WO | Delete WO

**Project**

## Weed Information Management System Project Information

A Project is usually defined by a funding source. All data are associated with Projects, organized under Sessions.

Project Name: [text]  Default  
Lead Organization: [dropdown]  
Project Manager: [dropdown]  
Start Date: [text]  
End Date: [text]

Return To: Main Menu, Organization

**Session**

## Weed Information Management System Session Information

A Session is a unit of field work. If your field work more than one day, make each day a separate Session. All data must be associated with a Session.

**Basic Information**

Date: [text]  
Organization: [dropdown]  
Time Start: [text]  
Time End: [text]  
Project: Instructions [dropdown]

Return To: Main Menu, Project, Contact, Area Surveys, Assessment

Import Data from Handfield  
Save Session | Delete Session

Crew | Area Surveys | Occurrence Visits | Treatments

**Area Survey**

## Weed Information Management System Area Survey

Area Surveys are descriptions of areas; changes in vegetation status and site information over time is created by periodic observations that would locate the site.

Session Date: [text]  
Area: [text]  
Level Use Type: [text]  
Dominant Vegetation: [text]

% Cover of Native Understory: [text]  
% Cover of Native Grassland: [text]  
% Cover of Native Understory: [text]  
% Cover of Native Grassland: [text]

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Assessments and Treatments | Areas | Other Types of Geographic Information

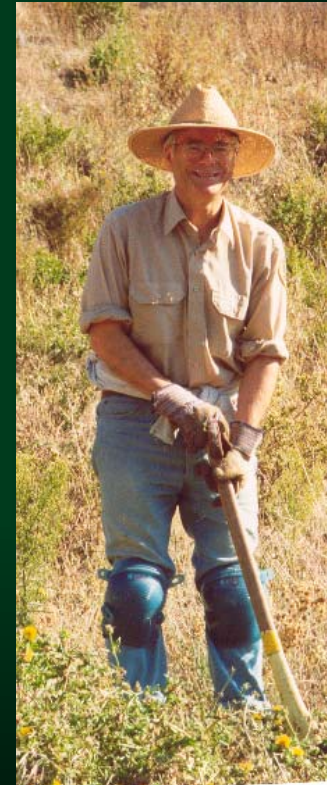
Session Date	Occurrence	Phenology	Treatment Type	Cover %
[dropdown]	[dropdown]	[dropdown]	[dropdown]	[dropdown]

New Assessment | View and Edit Treatment | View and Edit Assessment | Delete Assessment



## Levels for volunteers










- Increasing number of species to ID
- Increasing level of technology and information gathered
- Increasing survey independence










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# ID Cards

Plant-out-of-place Canada Thistle	Plant-out-of-place Yellow Starthistle	Plant-out-of-place Purple Starthistle
		
		
		

EXOTIC HERB Purple Starthistle	EXOTIC HERB Yellow Starthistle	EXOTIC HERB Canada thistle
<i>(Centaurea calcitrapa)</i>	<i>(Centaurea solstitialis)</i>	<i>(Cirsium arvense)</i>
<p><b>Description</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erect annual plant that grows 1/2-4 ft</li> <li>Numerous small (1/4 in long) purple, white, or pink flowers are surrounded by long, sharp spines</li> <li>Young leaves are deeply lobed, grey and with cobweb-like hairs and a light midrib</li> <li>Mature leaves 4-8 in long and without hairs</li> <li>Stems do not have "winged" ridges</li> <li>Young plants form a rosette (circular cluster of leaves)</li> </ul> <p><b>Habitat</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agricultural, grasslands, roadsides, disturbed areas</li> </ul> <p><b>Don't confuse with...</b></p> <p><b>Yellow starthistle</b> which has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yellow flowers and "wings" on stems</li> </ul>	<p><b>Description</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erect annual plant that grows 1/2-6 ft</li> <li>Numerous small bright yellow flowers which are surrounded by long, sharp yellow spines (0.4-1 in long)</li> <li>Mature leaves are grey-green and covered with fine cottony hairs, giving the plant a grey-silver appearance from a distance</li> <li>Stems are "winged"</li> <li>Young plants form a rosette (circular cluster of leaves)</li> </ul> <p><b>Habitat</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agricultural, grasslands, roadsides, disturbed areas</li> </ul> <p><b>Don't confuse with...</b></p> <p><b>Purple starthistle</b> which has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purple flowers and no "wings" on stems</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Description</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erect perennial plant that grows 1-3 ft</li> <li>Purplish lavender or white flowers 1/2-1 in across, numerous, almost without spines</li> <li>Variably lobed lance-shaped leaves with spines along the margins, leaves "clasp" stem</li> <li>Smooth to slightly hairy stems with no "wings"</li> <li>Young plants form a rosette (circular cluster of leaves)</li> </ul> <p><b>Habitat</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can grow in all but waterlogged soils</li> </ul> <p><b>Don't confuse with...</b></p> <p><b>Musk Thistles</b> which have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Larger flowers (2-3 in) with broad spines</li> <li>Hairy leaves</li> </ul>
  <p>Yellow starthistle    Purple starthistle</p>	  <p>Yellow starthistle    Purple starthistle</p>	
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# Datasheets



**Going for a walk in the park?** While you are out, keep your eye out for these park invaders. If you see a plant from the list, let us know by returning this form to the address at the bottom of the page. If you are unsure if the plant is the one on the list, see the instructions on the back of this page.

**Happy Hunting!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Plant	Scientific Name	Seen (Y/N)?	# Occurrences	Comments
Tree of Heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>			
Opeweed	<i>Arctotheca calendula</i>			
Giant Reed	<i>Arundo donax</i>			
Plumeless Thistle	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>			
Woolly bistuff Thistle	<i>Carduus leucostachyus</i>			
Purple Starthistle	<i>Centaurea calcitropa</i>			
Yellow Starthistle	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>			
Canada Thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>			
Jubata Grass	<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>			
Uruguayon Pampas Grass	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>			
Silverleaf Cottonaster	<i>Cotoneaster pannosus</i>			
Bermuda Grass	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>			
Portuguese Broom	<i>Cytisus striatus</i>			
Purple Foxglove	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>			
Strawweed	<i>Diurichia graveolens</i>			
Perennial Veldt Grass	<i>Elythra caespitosa</i>			
Paso Veldt Grass	<i>Elythra erecta</i>			
St. John's Wort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>			
Pennyroyal	<i>Mentha pulegium</i>			
Himalayan Blackberry	<i>Rubus discolor [procensus]</i>			
Spanish Broom	<i>Spartium junceum</i>			
Gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>			
Periwinkle	<i>Vincetoxicum</i>			

**Weed Watchers**  
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SFAN I&M  
Fort Cronkhite Bldg 1063  
Sausalito, CA 94965

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www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer  
www.nps.gov/gogavip



Entered in WIMS \_\_\_(date)\_\_\_(mth)

Golden Gate Weed Watchers Invasive Species Early Detection Survey Form		SURVEY AREA ID: DATA RECORDER: OTHER OBSERVERS:		DATE: TIME START: TIME FINISH:
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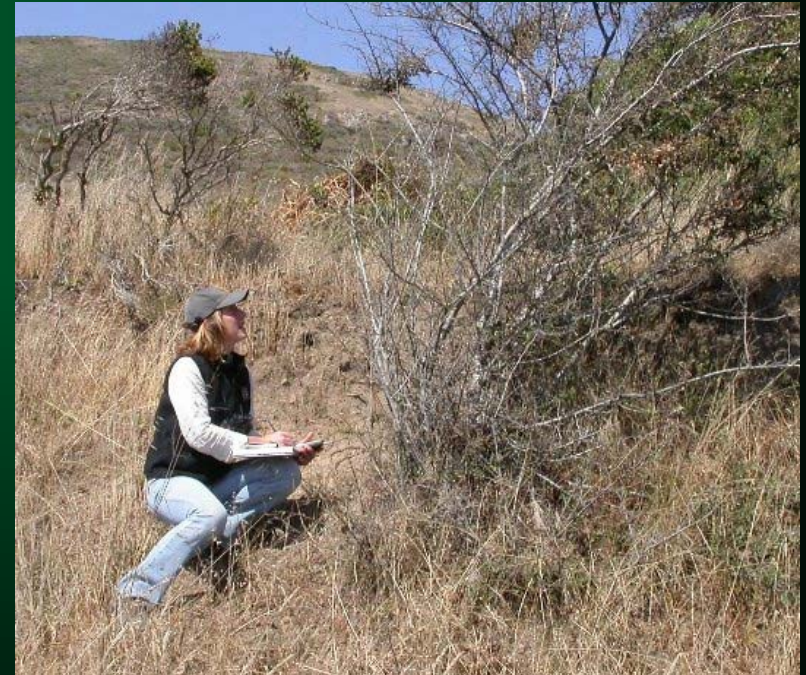
Please return these survey forms to National Park Service (SFAN) Inventory and Monitoring, Bldg 1063 Fort Cronkhite, Sausalito, CA 94965 Phone (415) 331-5023 Fax (415) 331-5530

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# Equipment



## Trimble GeoXT



## Garmin iQue





## Legend

### sub\_watersheds2001

 Subwatershed Boundary

### Risk Level


 HIGH

 MODERATE

 SIGNIFICANT

 LOW

 survey070520060910elsp

 survey070220060928elsp

### Weed occurrences

- <all other values>

### SNAME

- *Briza maxima*
- *Bromus diandrus*
- *Bromus hordeaceus*
- *Carpobrotus edulis*
- *Cotoneaster* species
- *Cupressus macrocarpa*
- *Eucalyptus globulus*
- *Festuca arundinacea*
- *Foeniculum vulgare*
- *Holcus lanatus*

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- All using same system (WIMS)
- Summaries to exotics staff
- Grant writing



- Definitions and cutoffs:  
the problem with patches
- Everything takes longer than you think
- Good directions are hard to write



- Revise and refine protocol
- Expand to other parks
- Build BAEDN:  
the Bay Area Early  
Detection Network



- **Inventory and Monitoring Program**
- **Monitoring questions and objectives**
- **Prioritizing areas and species**
- **Materials and methods for volunteer program**
- **Results and next steps**



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