



New and Expanding Weeds in California

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large-leaved hypericum (*Hypericum grandifolium*)

Shrub to 2 m w/ lg yellow fls

Invades scrub on coast

3 localities in Marin Co.

Possible spread *ex hort.*



Star endive (*Rhagadiolus stellatus*)

Annual herb in part shade

Distinctive fruit

Known from Napa & Sonoma Cos

Often dominant in understory

Serious grain field pest in

Middle East



Santa Maria feverfew (*Parthenium hysterophorus*)

Tropical annual herb
Noxious in Australia
Thrives on disturbance
Likes summer water
Inhibits germination of plants
Toxic to stock
Contact dermatitis in people



Yellow alyssum (*Alyssum murale*, *A. corsicum*)

Yellow-flowered perennials from Europe

Metal hyperaccumulators

Planted as possible “bio-mining” crop in Southern OR

Escaped into USFS land

Listed as noxious weed

By OR

High likelihood of spread
in Northern CA serpentine



Spanish mercury

Mercurialis ambigua

Related to dog mercury

Differs in leaf shape,
monoecious

Native to Spain

Often in nursery areas



Italian buckthorn

Rhamnus alaternus

Native to S. Europe

Common in hort.

Mostly as waif

Dioecious



Canary Island starthistle (*Volutaria canariensis*)

An endemic to Canary Isles
Related to yellow starthistle
Just found in San Diego Co.
Threat?
Pathway?
Control?
Eradication possible?



Winged water-primrose

Ludwigia decurrens

Found in rice field
in Butte Co. (3 localities)

Weltand plant native
to SE US & S Am

Known noxious weed
in Japan

Related to other weeds

