

# **New Weed Alerts!**

## **2014**

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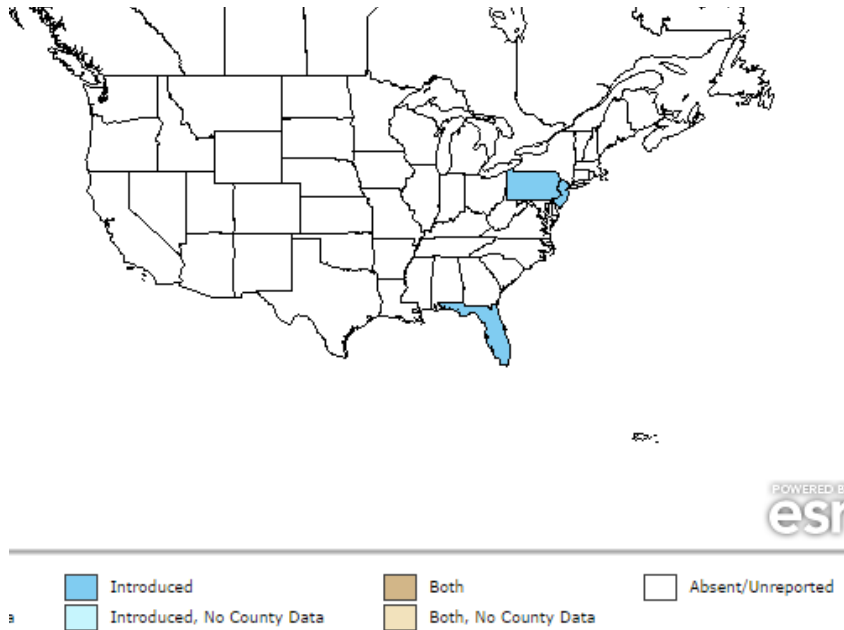
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# Alert Species 2014

- *Dittrichia viscosa* (false yellowhead)
- *Clematis vitalba* (old-man's-beard)
- *Rubus ulmifolius* var. *anoplothyrsus* (Elm leaf bramble)
- *Colocasia esculenta* (wild taro)
- *Thinopyrum junceiforme* (Russian wheatgrass)

# *Dittrichia viscosa* (false yellowhead)

## Asteraceae



- Native to the Mediterranean Basin
- New find in California along roadside
- Reported by Zoya Akulova-Barlow
- Reported from Solano County
- Perennial
- Invasive in Australia
- Sticky and aromatic like stinkwort

# *Dittrichia graveolens* (stinkwort)





# *Dittrichia viscosa*



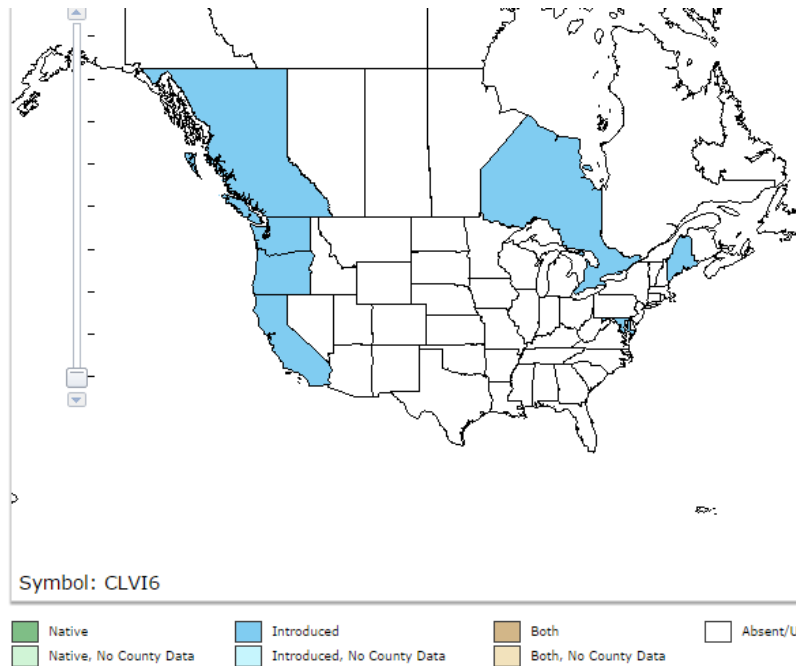


# *Clematis vitalba* (old-man's-beard)

## Ranunculaceae







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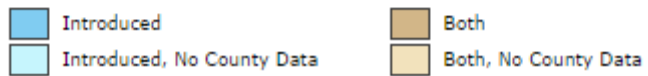
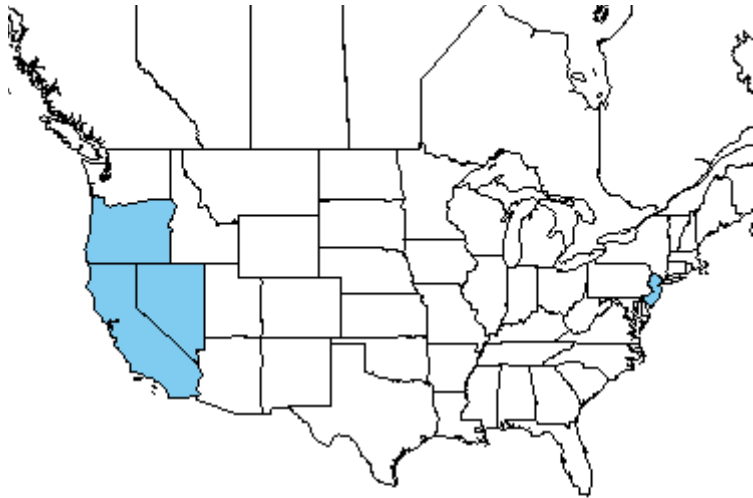
# *Clematis vitalba*

- Reported by Ken Moore distributed along 7 miles of San Vicente Creek in Santa Cruz County. Probably this species.
- Native to the UK and common in England.
- Climbing perennial that acts like kudzu.
- Smothering plants (including redwood up to 40 ft tall)
- Also a problem in Washington. Listed as Class C there. Invasive in New Zealand
- Probably planted there long ago



*Rubus ulmifolius* var. *anoplothyrus* (Elm leaf bramble) Rosaceae







## *Rubus ulmifolius* var. *anoplothyrus* (Elm leaf bramble)

- Reported by Jon Hall growing profusely in San Luis Creek in the city San Luis Obispo
- Native to Europe, but probably Italy (formerly called *R. u. var. inermis*)
- Looks just like *R. armeniacus* (Himalaya blackberry) except it has no stem prickles and also has a much smaller fruit
- Considered in the Jepson Manual to be uncommon in California
- Found mainly along the Central Coast woodlands

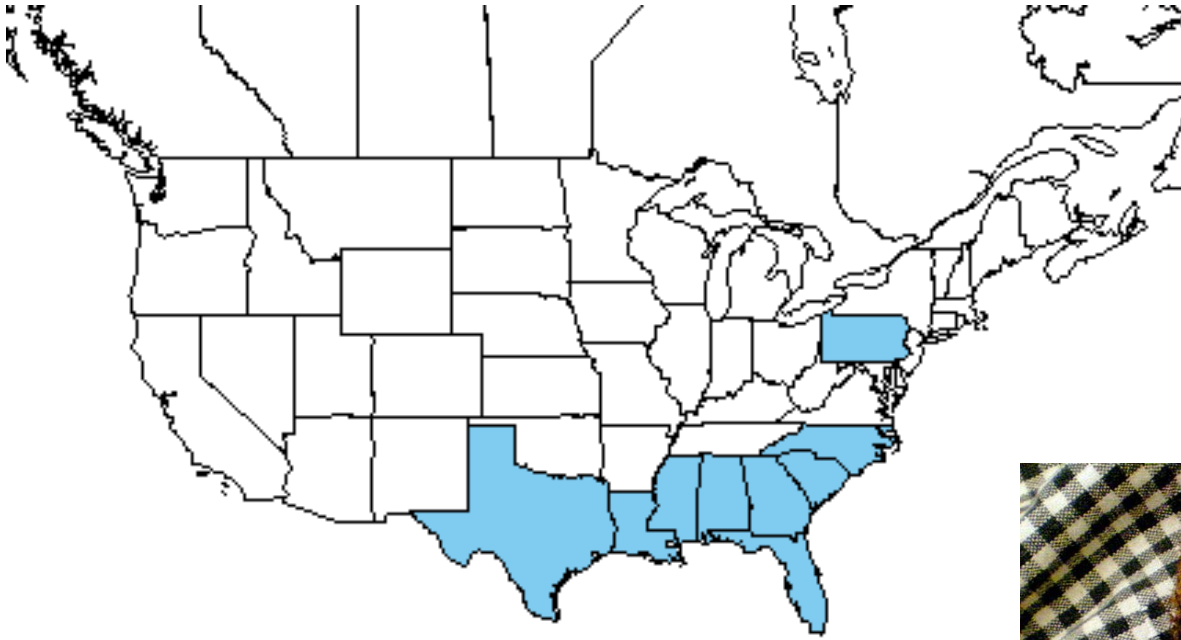
# *Colocasia esculenta* (wild taro, or coco yam)

Araceae



Delta Meadows State Park





*Colocasia esculenta* (wild taro, or coco yam)

- Reported by Cara Allen and Mona Robison in Delta Meadows State Park in Sacramento County
- Native to the tropical areas of Western Australia
- Used in tropical areas for its edible corms, it may be one of the earliest cultivated plants
- Not included in the Jepson Manual



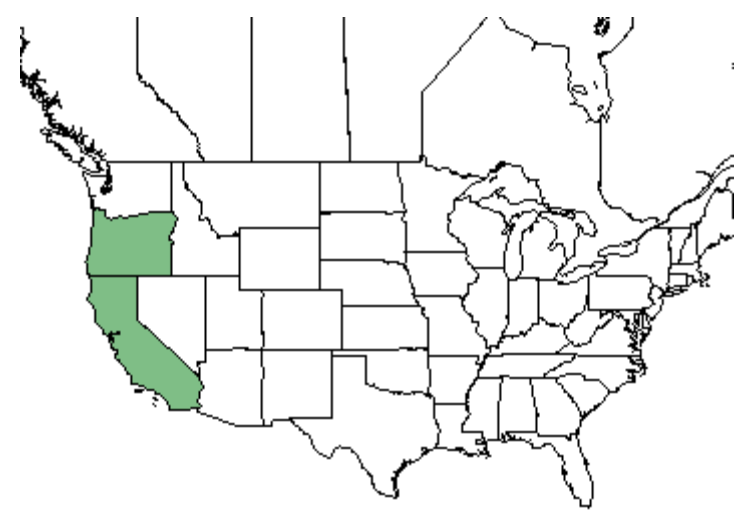
*Thinopyrum junceiforme* (Russian  
wheatgrass) Poaceae







# *Thinopyrum junceiforme* (Russian wheatgrass)

- Reported by Elizabeth Brusati from Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area in San Luis Obispo County
- Rhizomatous creeping perennial
- Native to Europe in GRIN and Northern Africa. However, considered native to California by CalFlora and the USDA Plants Database
  - CalFlora quotes “*Thinopyrum junceiforme* , a monocot, is a perennial herb that is native to California and; it was introduced from elsewhere and naturalized in the wild”
- Jepson Manual reports that a synonym (*Elytrigia juncea* ssp. *boreali-atlantica*) may have been sporadically reported but has not become naturalized
- Also naturalized in Australia and Oregon





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