



Invasive sea lavenders in San Francisco Bay an early detection and eradication priority

There are 4 known sea lavenders in Francisco Bay marshes

Non-native invasive:
Algerian sea lavender
(Limonium ramosissimum)



Photo by Gavin Archbald

Non-native invasive:
possibly European sea lavender
(Limonium duriusculum)



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European sea lavender is smaller with shorter, more rounded leaves than Algerian sea lavender. European sea lavender flowers are evenly distributed and not as crowded on the ends of the branches compared to Algerian sea lavender.

Non-native ornamental
Canary or Perez's sea lavender
(Limonium perezii)



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Native
California sea lavender or marsh Rosemary
(Limonium californicum)

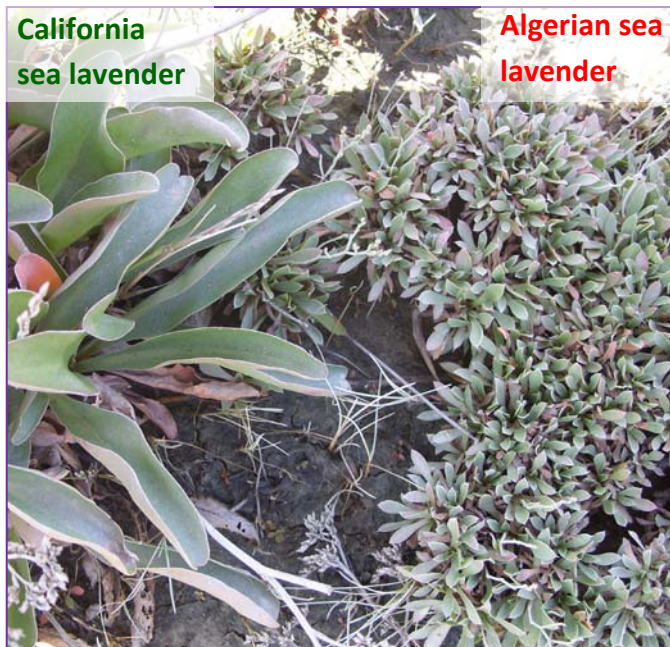


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Native California sea lavender has larger, rounder, and more spatulate-shaped leaves than Algerian and European sea lavenders. California sea lavender has a more open inflorescence and smaller flowers than Canary sea lavender. Algerian sea lavender pulls out easily, while California sea lavender forms a woody tap-root that is hard to remove.

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