



# Weed Red Alerts

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# Star endive (*Rhagadiolus stellatus*)

Annual herb in part shade

Distinctive fruit

Known from Napa & Sonoma Counties

Often dominant in forest understory

Serious grain field pest in

Middle East





# **Berkeley Sedge** *Carex divulsa*



**Native to Eurasia**

**Sold as a native species**

*Carex tumulicola*

**Very tough and adapted  
to disturbance**

**Suddenly very popular  
as a bedding plant**

*C. tumulicola*  
By Ryan Batten







# **Black rush**

## ***Juncus gerardii***

Invasive in Suisun and  
Benicia salt marshes  
From Atlantic salt marshes  
Rhizomatous, forms lg  
patches  
Similar to native spp., but  
more robust  
Will spread further without  
intervention





# **Elongate canarygrass**

## ***Phalaris elongata***

Perennial bunch grass to 1.5 m

Distributed by USDA

Very similar to *P. aquatica* but w/  
hairy glumes

Often found nr where planted

Thrives in grassland after  
removal of grazing

Not a great forage



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# Tree spurge

## *Euphorbia dendroides*

Invasive in S CA in SB,  
Ventura, and N LA Counties

Invades coastal scrub

Perennial w/ seed bank

Will spread further without  
intervention

On CA noxious weed list







# Shining Geranium

## *Geranium lucidum*

An unusual forest understory weed  
Confused w/ other weedy geraniums  
Spreads Quickly  
Can form dense layer  
Known from WA, OR  
Siskyou, Humboldt,  
Alameda Cos CA  
USDA high risk invader  
Quickly expanding





# **Coconut geranium**

## ***Pelargonium grossularioides***

- Known from many counties as waif
- Recent infestation found on SC Island
- Native to South Africa
- Underreported
- Found in LA, Orange, & SD Counties in CA







# **Santa Maria feverfew**

## ***Parthenium hysterophorus***

- CA noxious weed
- Tropical annual herb
- Noxious in Australia
- Thrives on disturbance
- Likes summer water
- Inhibits germination of plants
- Toxic to stock
- Contact dermatitis in people
- 3 sites in Orange & Riverside

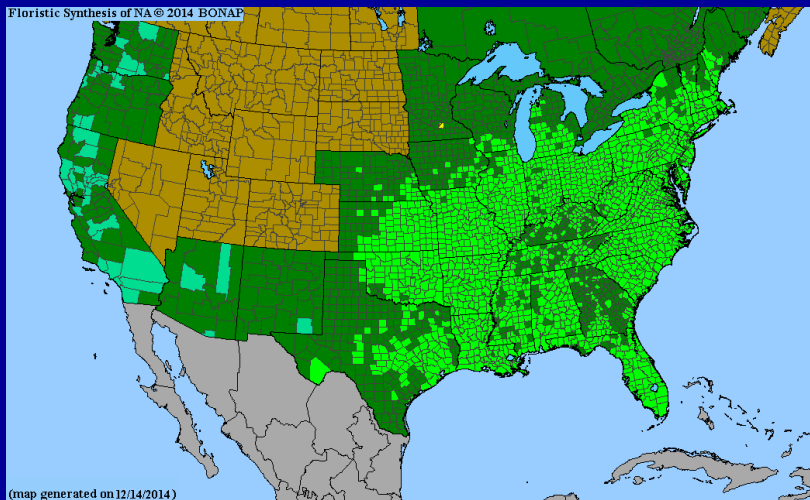




# Pokeweed

## *Phytolacca americana*

Native to E N America  
Herbaceous perennial to 6'  
Found in gardens & roadsides  
Likes water  
Poisonous berries



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Not currently rated



# **Glangular baby's breath**

## ***Gypsophila scorzonerifolia***

- Perennial herb in carnation family
  - Similar to *G. paniculata*
- Recently reported from Mono Lake area and historic collection from Independence
- Widespread in interior West and Upper Midwest



Tackenburg





# Stinknet

## *Oncosiphon piliferum*

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Native to South Africa

Found in NA in deserts of CA  
& AZ

Like pineapple weed but w/  
foul odor

Undercollected?





# **Coastal galenia** **Aizoon (*Galenia*) *pubescens***

Creeping semiwoody  
perennial

Only in coastal CA in NA

Environmental weed in AU

Similar to Amaranthus but less  
hyaline fls

Hard to control

