

PLANT RIGHT® SPRING NURSERY SURVEY 2021

BACKGROUND

PlantRight's annual [Spring Nursery Survey](#) tracks the retail market for invasive garden plants in California.

METHODOLOGY

- 85 trained volunteers
- 190 stores
- 38 counties



PLANTS IN 2021 SURVEY

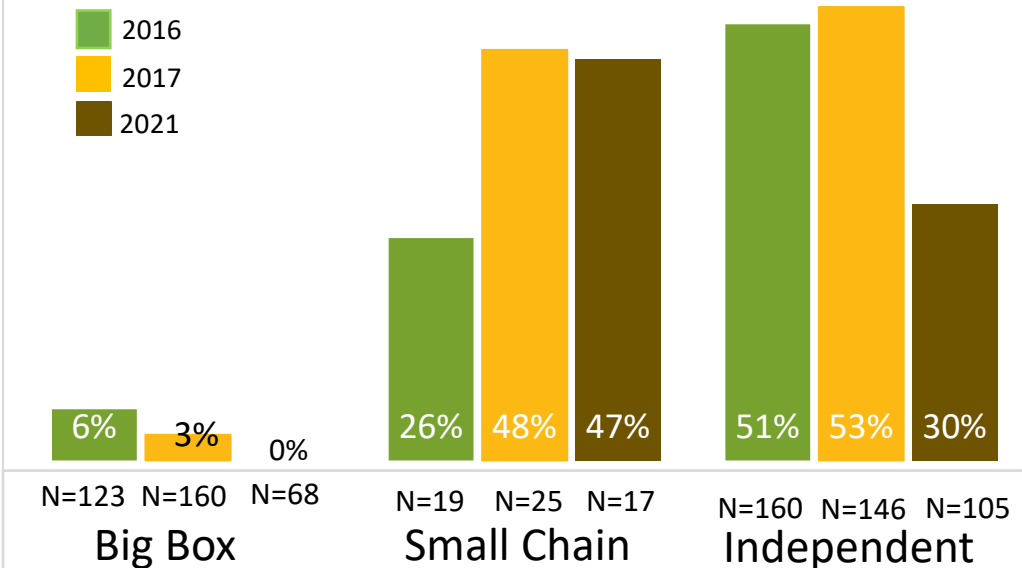
- Highway Iceplant (*Carpobrotus edulis*)
- Pampas grass (*Cortaderia selloana*)
- Green fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*)
- Periwinkle (*Vinca major*)
- Water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*)
- Yellow flag iris (*Iris pseudacorus*)
- Mexican feathergrass (*Stipa tenuissima*)

CANDIDATE PLANTS

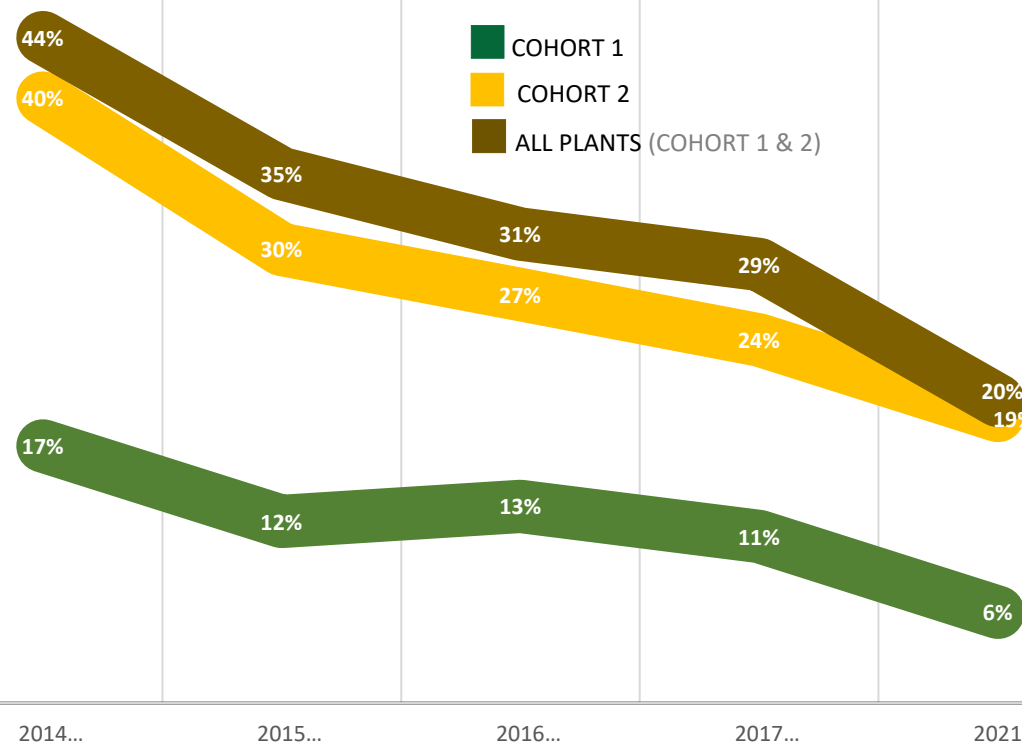
- Licorice plant (*Helichrysum petiolare*)
- Petite licorice (*Plecostachys serpyllifolia*)
- Italian buckthorn (*Rhamnus alaternus*)



PERCENT OF STORES SELLING INVASIVE PLANTS BY RETAIL TYPE



PERCENT OF STORES SELLING INVASIVE PLANTS



RESULTS

- In 2017, 29% of nurseries surveyed were selling locally invasive plants; this rate dropped to 20% in 2021
- Of the nurseries that were selling *any* locally invasive plants in 2021, only 6% had more than one species of invasive plant for sale (down from 2017, 8%).
- Not a single locally invasive plant was found in a box store in 2021.
- Independent retailers showed a solid decrease in stores selling locally invasive plants, from 53% in 2017 to 30% in 2021.

Locally invasive plants were most often found in the desert (25% of stores had at least one for sale), followed by the South Coast (24%), North and Central Coast (19%), and Sierra and Coastal Mtns (14%).

DISTRIBUTION OF SURVEYED STORES

