

# Mapping and Tracking (Invasive) Plants with Calflora's Weed Manager

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# Agenda

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Overview of Weed Manager (WM)

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**Email alerts** 

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Upload and edit field data

**Questions & Discussion** 



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# What is Calflora?

Calflora is a 501(c)3 non-profit plant database. We provide information on wild CA plants for conservation, education, and appreciation.



**1994:** PhD botanist Ann Dennis shared a text file of CA plants.

**1997:** Local botanist Tony Morosco joined Ann's efforts to document local plants.

2000: They created Calflora 501(c)3 not-for-profit.



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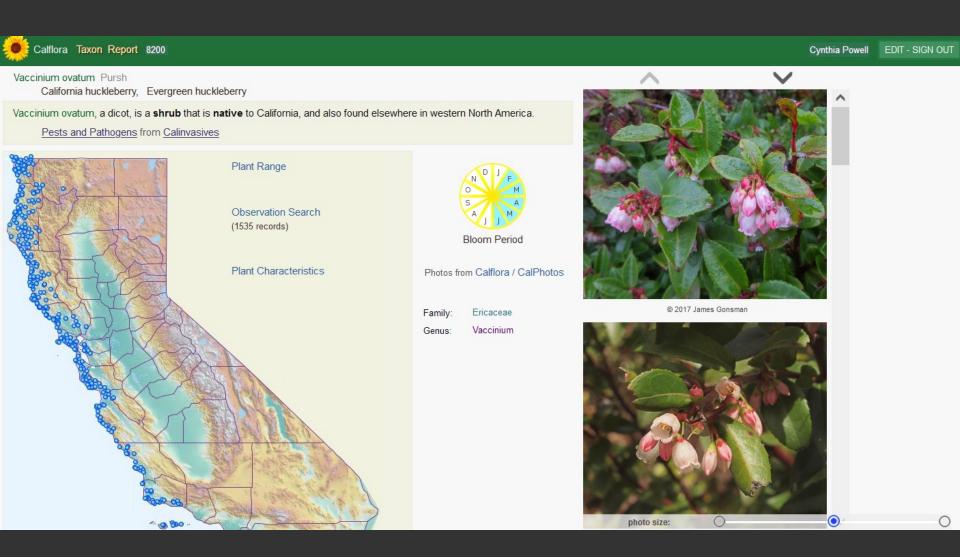
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  - > 3.5 million plant location observations (points, lines, and polygons)
  - > 30,000 relationships between old and new plant names
  - > 300,000 plant photos
- > 80,000 unique Calflora e-visitors each month (~2,600/day)
- > 4,000 active data contributors (you?)



The Calflora database contains all 10,000+ native and introduced species: all wild plant species in the state.

We receive many data feeds from other data sources, including CCH and (some filtered) iNaturalist data.

# Popular "taxon report" pages

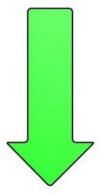


One taxon report page for each wild plant species in CA



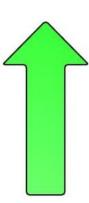
#### Data In

- > 500 Professional Botanists
- > 1000 Amateur Botanists
- > 1800 Other Observers
- > 100 Institutions



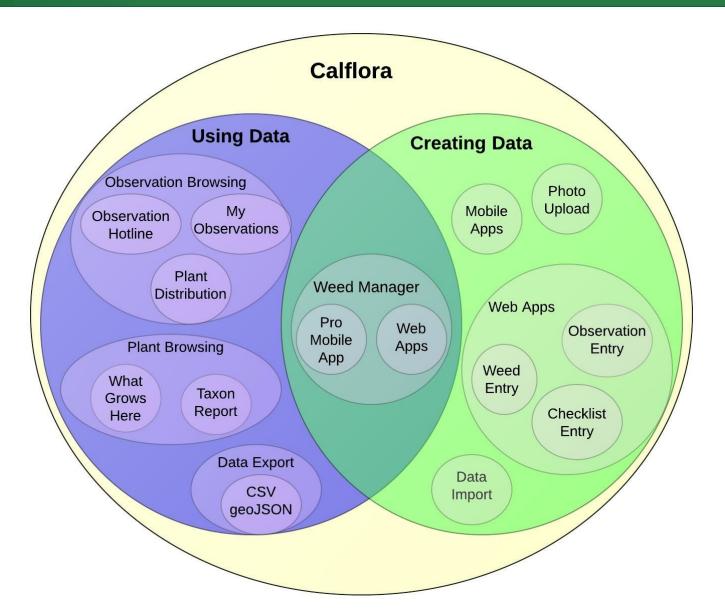
#### **Data Out**

Researchers
Students
Botanists
Ecologists
Land Managers
Conservationists



**Calflora Database** 







#### Non-weed uses of Observer Pro

- 1. Rare plants CNDDB form
- track through time (history stacks)
- 2. Seed collection
- 3. Surveys any plant list as checklist, releve



# **Primary Tools**

GO = Group Observations

POE = Plant Observation Entry

(demo on website – how to navigate to)

OP = Observer Pro (mobile app)



# **Data Privacy**

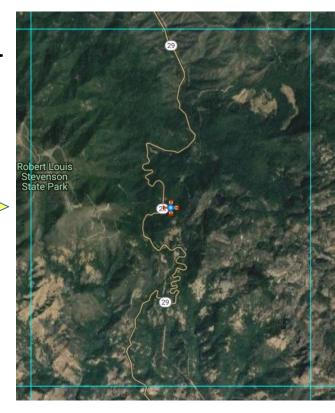
- Treatment data private
- Settings for observations:
- 1)Public
- 2)Unpublished
- 3)Private
- 4)Obscure (1/4 USGS quad or ~1.5mi x 1.5mi square)







## **Obscured Data**



Location	Accuracy
6.0	error radius (meters)
113	square meters

2821 error radius (meters)
25000000 square meters

CALFORA HELP: https://www.calflora.org/entry/help/obscure.html **YouTube**VIDEO: Obscuring the location of your plant observations in Calflora



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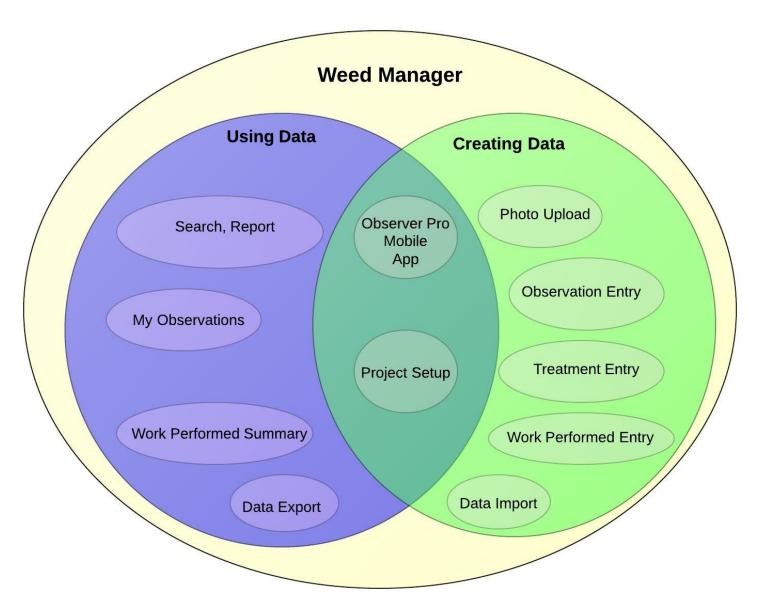
#### FREE TRIAL

- ●Through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- One custom form
- See all your groups observations in one place
- Access to all the tools we will review today
- Contact Calflora to get set up!



Weed Manager (WM) is a system which enables organizations engaged in land management to track weed infestations and treatments over time.







# Weed Manager

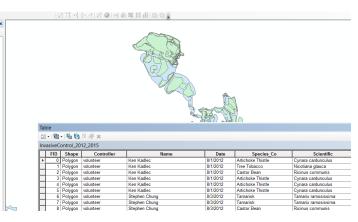
- →Collect data spatial & tabular field or office
- →Personalized forms, data dictionaries
- →Searchable/viewable online
- →Run customized reports
- →Export to many formats



# Weed Manager: Acquiring data

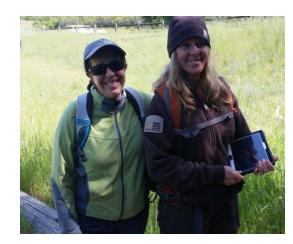


Observer Pro android phone app



Upload shapefiles / geodatabases

Calflora Plant Observation Entry



iOS phone app

TOOLS >

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**Geotagged Photos** 



Online



My agency requires polygons.

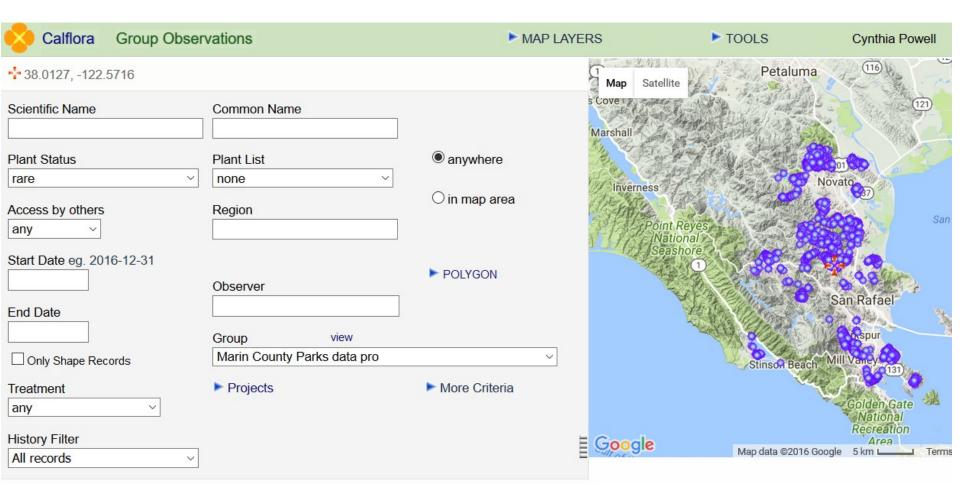
I need a point with a radius.





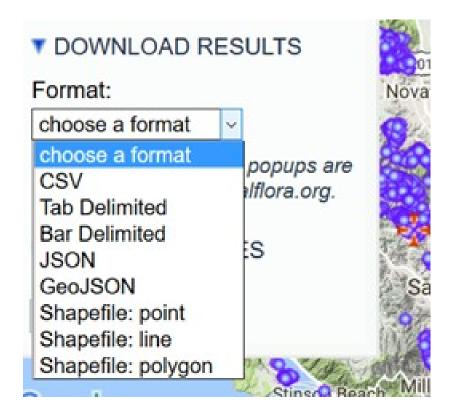


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Data export API also available



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#### Weed Manager: Groups

A group is a set of people using Calflora with interests in common.

- data collection
- data management

#### Share

- observations (including unpublished)
- searches
- plant lists

\* group may have one or more "data czar(s)" who can edit / publish / delete any observations in that group.



#### Roles

Owner – add/remove members, assign roles

Czar – edit any observation in group

<u>Project Czar</u> – can edit existing projects and all records in the project they are assigned to

<u>Team Leader</u> – can edit existing projects, work session entry

Regular Member – edit their own, view all other data

Nominal Member – can only add data to group



#### Weed Manager: Organization Options

	CREW	ROLES	ACTIVITIES	BILLING CODES	CHEMICALS	SEARCHES
10	Records Click on	to view a record.				
	Role	Billing Method	Hourly Rate			
0	Youth Crew	hourly	21.55			
0	Seasonal Staff	hourly	42.59			
0	Regular Staff	hourly	100.00			
0	Contractor	fixed price	0.00			
0	Contractor Hourly	hourly	50.00			
0	Volunteer	hourly	35.00			
0	One Tam Staff	hourly	0.00			
0	One Tam Intern	hourly	0.00			
0	CCNB Sup	hourly	59.75			
0	CCNB Crew	hourly	30.75			

(Organization Options demo)



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15	Records	Click on <sup>o</sup> to view a	record.				
	Туре	Product	Company		Active Ingredient	Registration	Formulation
0	Dye	Hi-Light					
0	Dye	Turf Mark					
0	Surfactant	Pentra-bark				CA 83416-50001	
0	Surfactant	Competitor				CA 2935-50173	
0	Surfactant	Liberate				CA 34704-50030	
0	Herbicide	Garlon 4 Ultra	Dow AgroS	ciences	triclopyr	EPA 62719-527	
0	Herbicide	Aquamaster	Monsanto		glyphosate	EPA 524-343	liquid
0	Herbicide	Poast	CDMS		sethoxydim		
0	Herbicide	Habitat	BASF Spec	cialty Herbicides	imazapyr	EPA 241-426	
0	Herbicide	Roundup Pro	Monsanto		glyphosate	EPA 524-475	liquid
0	Herbicide	Roundup	Monsanto		glyphosate		
0	Herbicide	Fusilade II	Syngenta F	Professional Products	flauziflop-p-butyl	EPA 100-1084	
0	Herbicide	Garlon 3A	Dow AgroS	ciences	triclopyr	EPA 62719-37	



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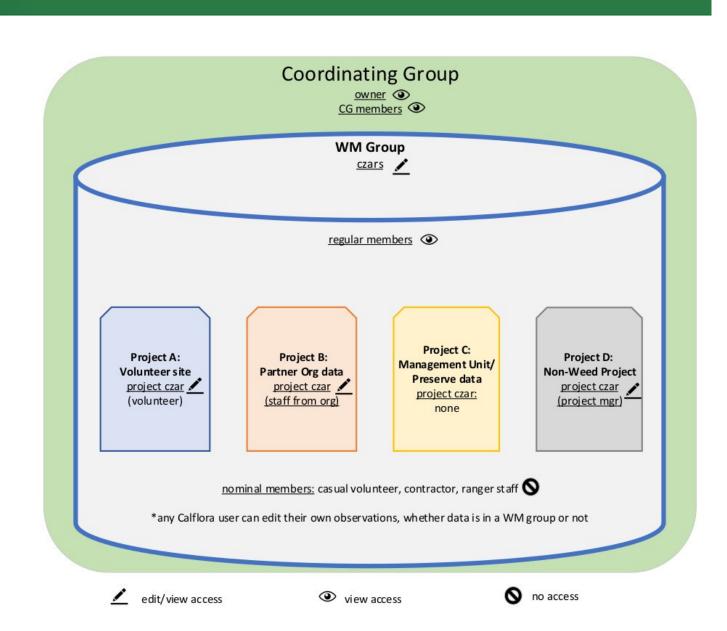


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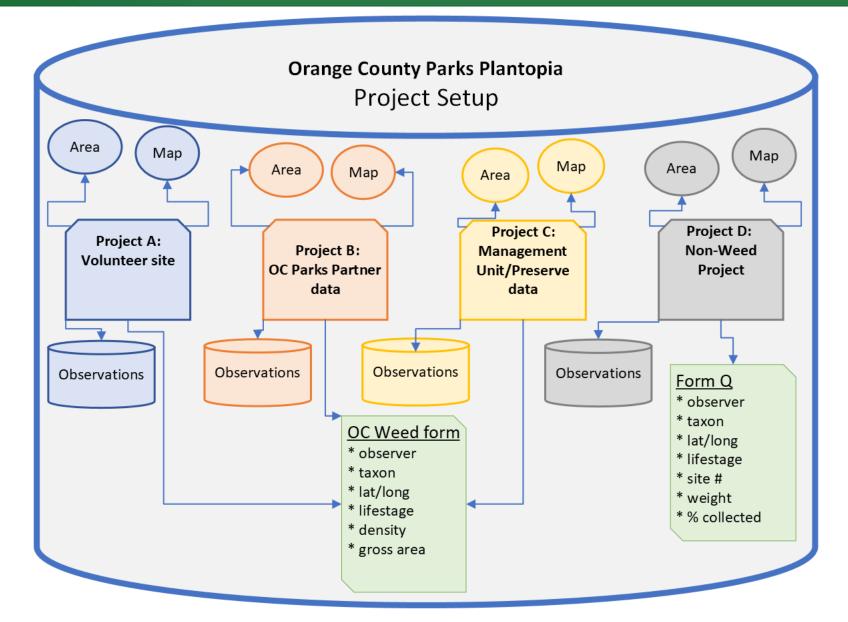


# Weed Manager: Project Setup

A project is a way of organizing data collection and treatment records.

- For each record in WM
- Work session entry is organized by project
- Each project has defined field set for POE and Observer Pro
- Observer Pro
  - Historical records
  - Form field set
  - Plant list
  - Center point







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## Weed Manager: Shapes

you have your own portfolio of lines and polygons.

- 1) observation record with a line or polygon
- 2) make a search polygon from Observation Hotline or What Grows Here, and save it by name

Shape Editor application – search, view, create and edit

- upload a polygon shapefile (multi-part)
- make available elsewhere for search

\* You can also share your polygons with a group.

(Shape Editor demo)

**VouTube** VIDEO: How to draw a polygon in Calflora map applications



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# Weed Manager: Work Session Entry

view, enter, or edit work session records - per organization & project an electronic timesheet

A crew record can describe a single person (e.g. a member of the organization's staff), a contractor, or a volunteer group.

Work can be incorporated into your Observer Pro form or entered completely separately later.

(Work Session Entry demo)

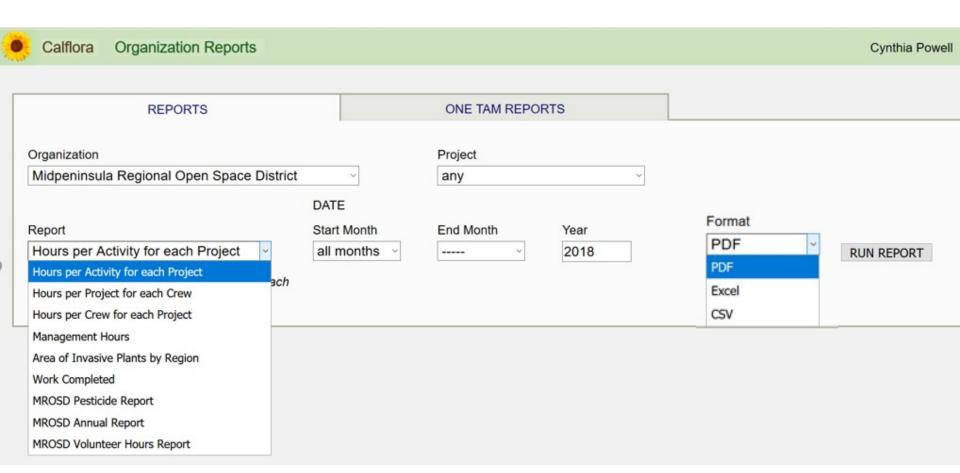


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# Weed Manager: **Group Reports**Create reports on the work you've done to submit to your funder, supervisor, etc.



### Hours per Activity for each Project

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District YEAR: 2018

Project	Activity	Hours
Advanced Data Collection	Treatment	25.00
ARMS		140.93
ARMS	Treatment	224.10
Pre-Treatment Assessment		160.00
SCVWD Grant		1,336.00
SCVWD Grant	none	14.00
SCVWD Grant	Treatment	1,912.50
Weed Treatment		709.16
Weed Treatment	none	578.25
Weed Treatment	Treatment	802.73
TOTAL		5,902.67

### AREA OF INVASIVE PLANTS BY REGION

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District YEAR: 2018

Plant	Gross Area (Acres)	Infested Area (Acres)
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### **Purisima Creek Redwoods**

Acacia melanoxylon	17.26869	0.42814
Delairea odorata	0.00025	0.00024

### AREA OF INVASIVE PLANTS BY REGION

El Corte de Madera Creek

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District YEAR: 2017

**Plant** 

Genista monspessulana

Rancho San Antonio				
	Allium vineale	1.53130	0.00766	
	Carduus pycnocephalus	3.22360	0.01612	
	Centaurea solstitialis	8.60187	0.33388	
	Dittrichia graveolens	0.15993		
	Genista monspessulana	0.28510	0.00855	
	Phalaris aquatica	0.50620	0.31637	
	Silybum marianum	4.19956	0.09090	
-				

11.14370

Gross Area (Acres)

Infested Area (Acres)

0.33431

# Weed Manager: Reports



### VEGETATION AND BIODIVERSITY PROJECTS: MONTHLY IPM TREATMENT REPORT FORM

Marin County Open Space District

March 2016

#### CHEMICAL TREATMENTS

Date(s)	Preserve	Labor Source	Product Applied	EPA/Cal-EPA Registration Number	Undiluted Product Used	Target Pest	Hours
3/16	Terra Linda	Contractor	Fusilade II	100-1084	96 oz	Aegilops triuncialis	33
at at	11 M	84 44	Competitor	2935-50173	192 oz	est est	80 80

#### OTHER MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Date(s)	Preserve	Labor	Activity	Target Pest	Hours
		Source			
3/3	Indian Valley	Staff	Hand pulling	Genista monspessulana	7.5
3/3	Roy's Redwoods	Staff	Hand pulling	Phalaris aquatica	4.0
3/3	Roy's Redwoods	Staff	Hand pulling	Genista monspessulana	2.0
3/3	French Ranch	Staff	Hand pulling	Arundo donax	0.5
3/4	Kent Island	Staff	Hand pulling	Cakile maritima	4.5
3/4	Kent Island	Staff	Hand pulling	Ammophila arenaria	9.0
3/7-3/8	Indian Valley	Staff	Hand pulling	Genista monspessulana	22.5
3/8	Indian Valley	Staff	Hand pulling	Cytisus scoparius	0.5
3/8-3/9	Lucas Valley	Staff	Shovel shear	Pyrocantha angustifolia	2.5
3/9-3/10	Ring Mountain	Staff	Hand pull	Cortaderia jubata	11.5
3/9	Lucas Valley	Staff	Hand pull	Grevillea robusta	1.0



## Weed Manager: Custom Reports

- Uses third-party software Jasper Reports
- Accessible from calflora.org with your existing login
- Build your own custom queries from your group's data
- Set reports to run at a regular interval
- Exports to PDF, Excel, Word, csv

### **CALFORA VIDEO:**

https://www.calflora.org/newsletter/WeedManager/WM2meetingrecordings/20210318customizedreports/20210318meeting.mp4



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# Weed Manager: Survey Entry

<u>survey</u> = a search for certain plants in a discrete area at a certain time

# need to specify:

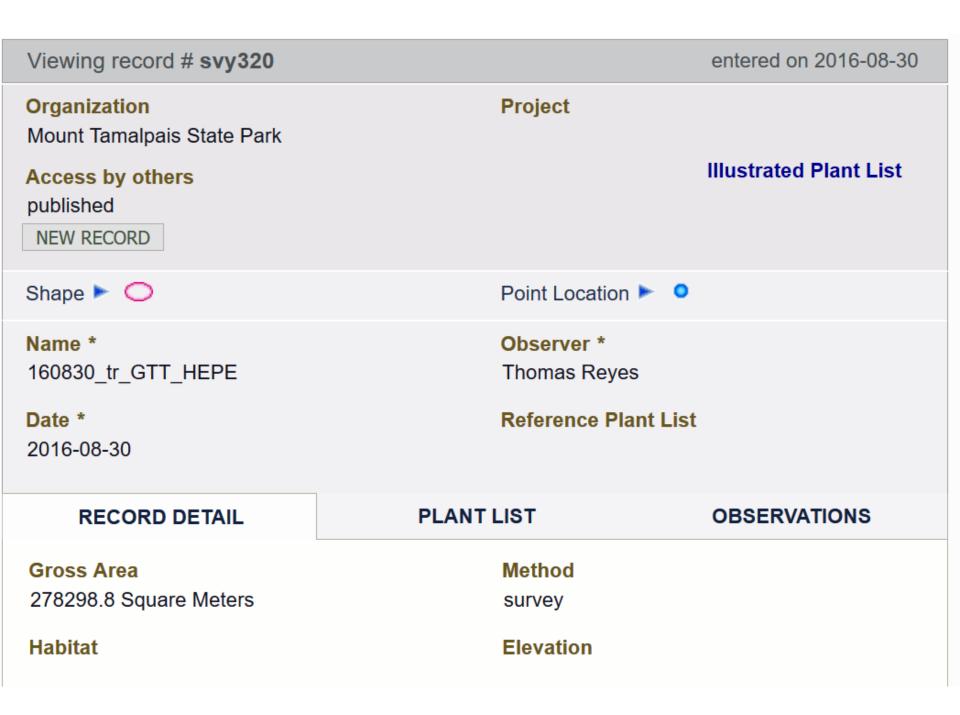
- Area
- Date
- Plant list

For each plant in the plant list, you can indicate whether or not you found it. If you did find it, you may indicate how abundant it was (1+, 1-10, 11-100, etc.).

You may also indicate plant count zero for "not found,"

→ absence data for that surveyed area.





# RECORD DETAIL

### PLANT LIST

Date

### OBSERVATIONS

▼ OBSERVATIONS IN THIS SURVEY

SEARCH FOR OBSERVATIONS

### 16 observations

ID	laxon	Date	Count	Observer
mg32079	Cortaderia jubata	2016-08-30	5	Thomas Reyes
mg32078	Cortaderia jubata	2016-08-30	1	Thomas Reyes
mg32077	Helichrysum petiolare	2016-08-30	1	Thomas Reyes
mg32076	Helichrysum petiolare	2016-08-30	1	Thomas Reyes
mg32074	Helichrysum petiolare	2016-08-30	4	Thomas Reyes
mg32062	Cortaderia jubata	2016-08-30	13	Thomas Reyes
mg32061	Cortaderia jubata	2016-08-30	3	Thomas Reyes
mg32049	Helichrysum petiolare	2016-08-30	1	Thomas Reyes
mg32047	Helichrysum petiolare	2016-08-30	1	Thomas Reyes
mg32042	Helichrysum petiolare	2016-08-30	2	Thomas Reyes
mg32041	Helichrysum petiolare	2016-08-30	11 - 50	Thomas Reyes
mg32039	Cortaderia jubata	2016-08-30	10	Thomas Reyes



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# Weed Manager: Hour and Herbicide Distributor (HHD)

apply a number of work hours and amount of herbicide

- to all treatment records for a chosen
  - Organization
  - Project
  - Day

HHD divides the total hours in proportion to the infested area of each record and shows this to the user in a preview table. The user can then adjust the number of hours allocated to each treatment record.



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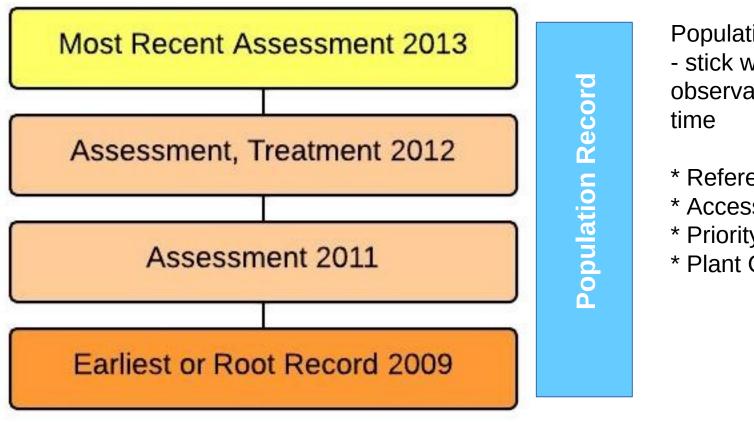
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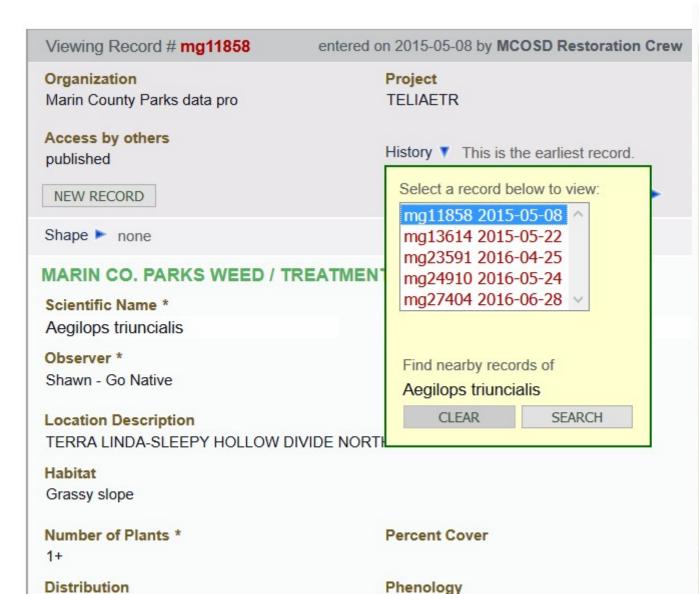
# History stacks



Population Attributes - stick with this observation through

- \* Reference Polygon
- \* Accessibility
- \* Priority
- \* Plant Count

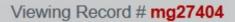
On phone app and website



Scattered Plants



\*38.02024, -122.56731



entered on 2016-06-30 by MCOSD Restoration Crew

### Organization

Marin County Parks data pro

### Access by others

published

**NEW RECORD** 

Shape > O

### MARIN CO. PARKS WEED / TREATMEN'

#### Scientific Name \*

Aegilops triuncialis

#### Observer \*

MCOSD Restoration Crew

### **Location Description**

Terra Linda Preserve

#### Habitat

Grassland / Open field

#### Number of Plants \*

49

#### Distribution

Scattered Plants

### Project

TELIAETR

History ▼ Earliest record: # mg11858

### Select a record below to view:

mg11858 2015-05-08 ^mg13614 2015-05-22 mg23591 2016-04-25 mg24910 2016-05-24 mg27404 2016-06-28 \rightarrow

Find nearby records of

Aegilops triuncialis

CLEAR

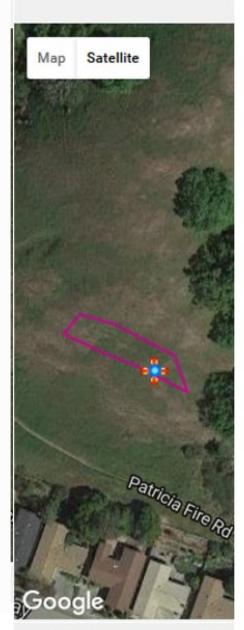
SEARCH

#### Percent Cover

0 - 1

### Phenology

Fruiting

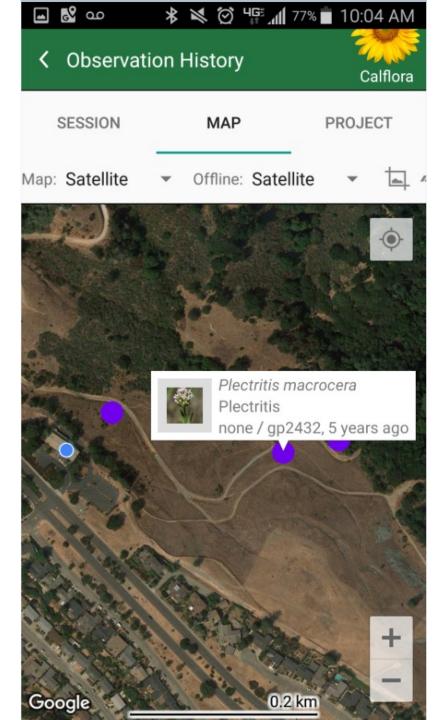


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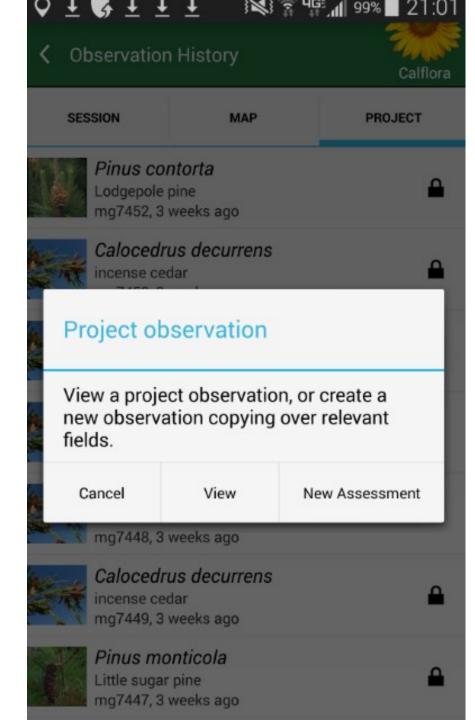
# Travel to your project observations based on your blue GPS point

VouTube VIDEO: How to add a plant observation to a history stack using the Calflora website

VouTube VIDEO: How to create new assessments and history stacks on Calflora's Observer Pro phone app



Coming back the following year for a new assessment of the same patch





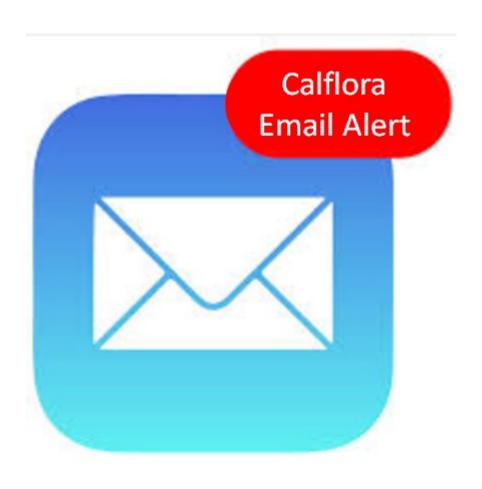
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Be notified whenever new observations show up! You may be alerted when any new observation of a certain plant shows up in a certain area.

E.g.

Rare plants (rated1-3) in Lassen NF Stinkwort (EDRR) in Trinity County What's new in my favorite local hiking spot

VouTube VIDEO: Creating a Calflora Email Alert

### information on wild California plants for conservation, education, and appreciation

### Alert: EDN recent records

Here are 3 records that have been added or modified in the past week.

Ophioglossum californicum, California adder's tongue

**Orange County** 

Ron Vanderhoff, 2018-03-19 (modified on 2018-03-31)

Area re-surveyed following 3-15-18 detection. 2,000 plus emergent stage plants estimated, over an area of approx. 1acre. All plants growing in flat, moist clay soil on east or northeast light shade from Eriogonum fasciculatum. Usually on mostly open soil, occasionally in short grass. Abundant bryophytes, soil crust well developed. With abundant plantago erecta. All vegetative.



Oxalis californica, Californica wood sorrel Orange County
Brett Dean, 2018-03-30

Salicornia pacifica, Pickleweed Alameda County Michael Perlmutter, 2018-04-03 (modified on 2018-04-04)





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# Observer Pro phone app:

- Available on android and iOS

- Don't need data plan at all
- Don't need wifi/connectivity in the field
- Do need wifi/connectivity before and after you go in the field to login and (after) upload observations

### information on wild California plants for conservation, education, and appreciation

VouTube VIDEO: Observer Pro on Android

VouTube VIDEO: Observer Pro on iOS

CALFLORA HELP: https://www.calflora.org/entry/applications2.html?topknot=f#smartphone

- has written guides for both operating systems as well



# Offline Maps

1) Calflora provided (no iOS)

2) make with MapTiler/ArcGIS (no iOS)

CALFLORA HELP: https://www.calflora.org/entry/weed-mgr.html#offline

3) Background Shapes

CALFLORA HELP: https://www.calflora.org/entry/help/bglp-help.html

VouTube VIDEO: Observer Pro background lines and polygons

4\*) Google maps cache



# **Background Shapes**

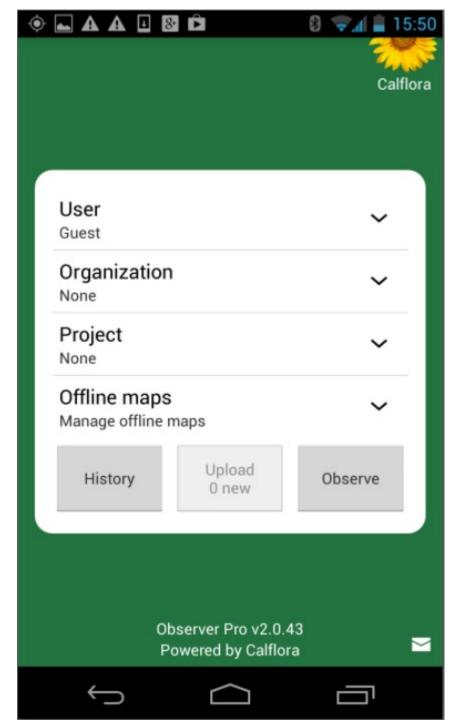
My Calflora → Preferences → Observer Pro: Background Lines and Polygons

(demo w/ shape made in Shape Editor)

\* preference is for your individual account

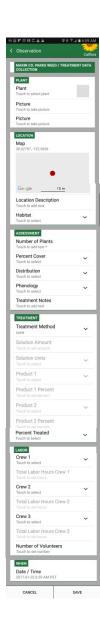
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Get Your Device Out And **Follow** Along

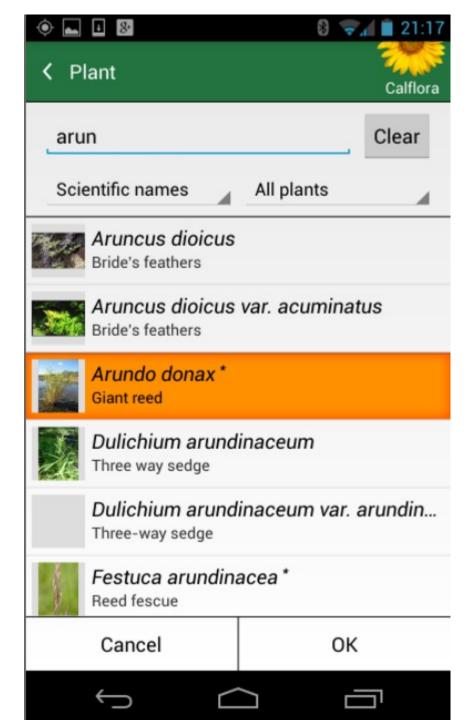


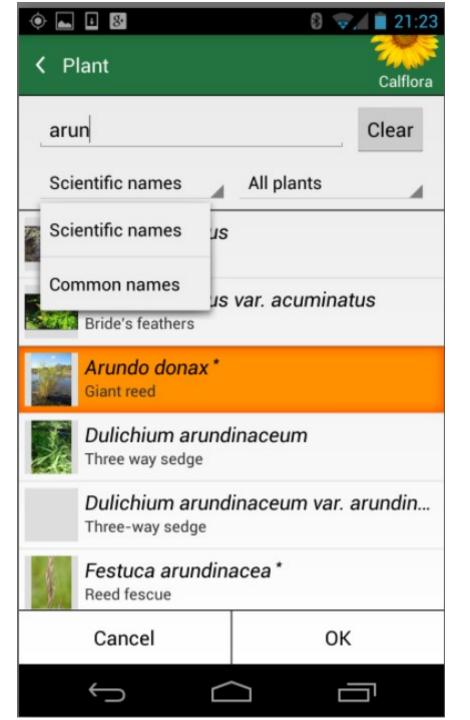
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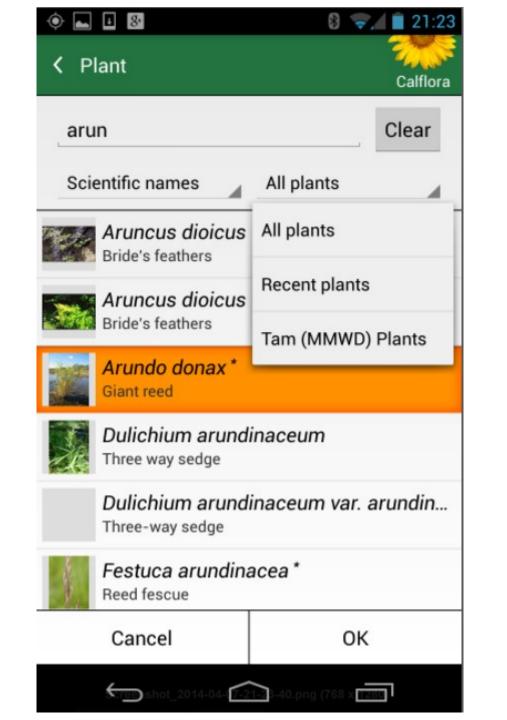
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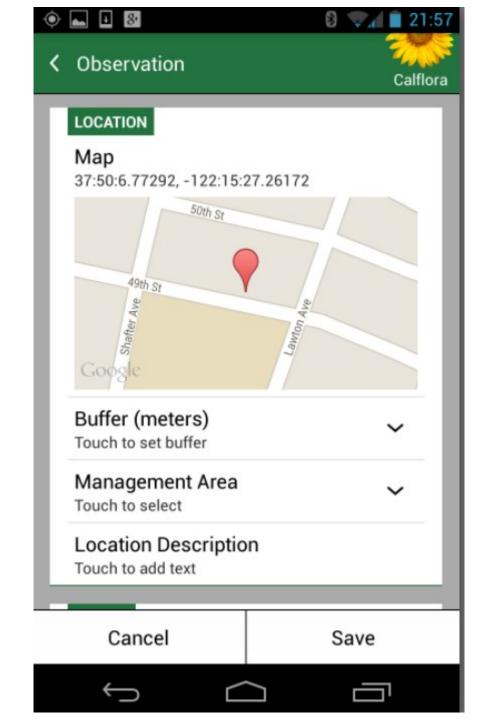


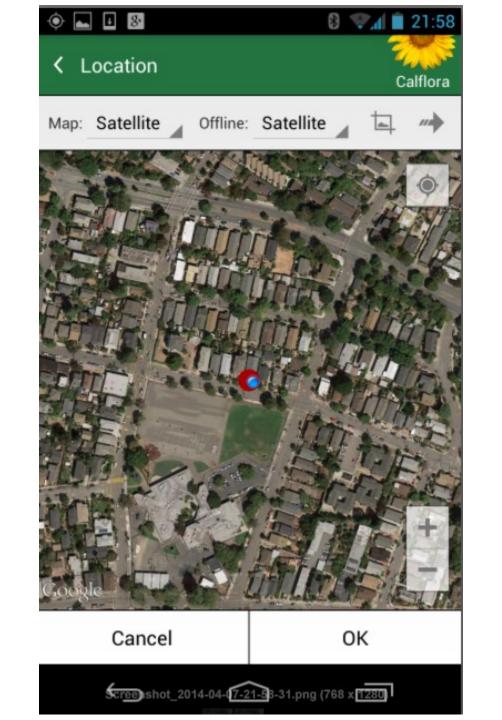




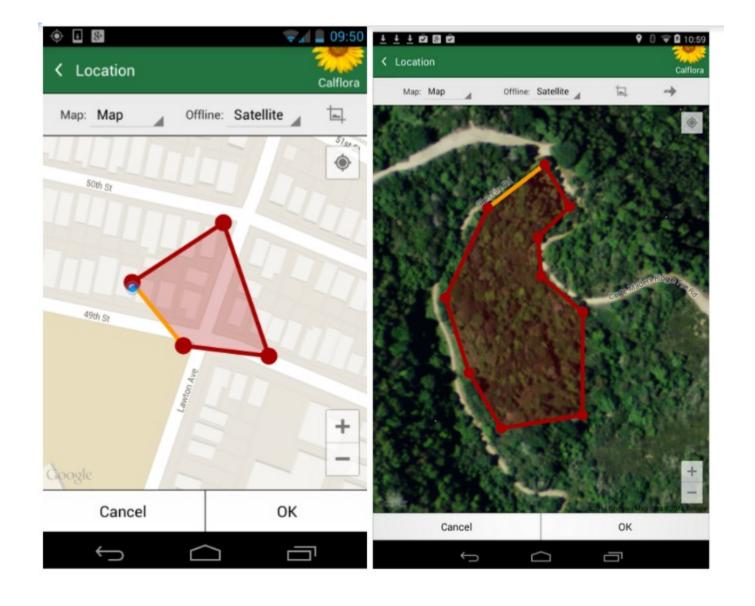








### Drawing polygons

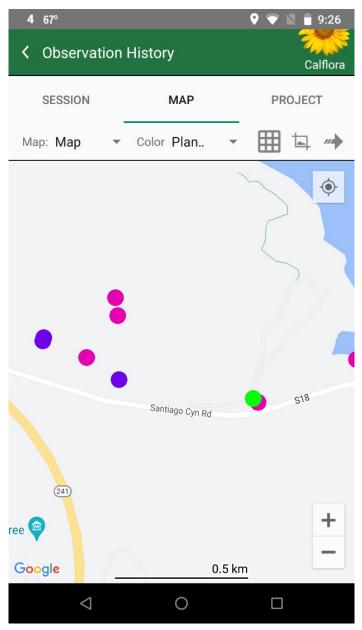


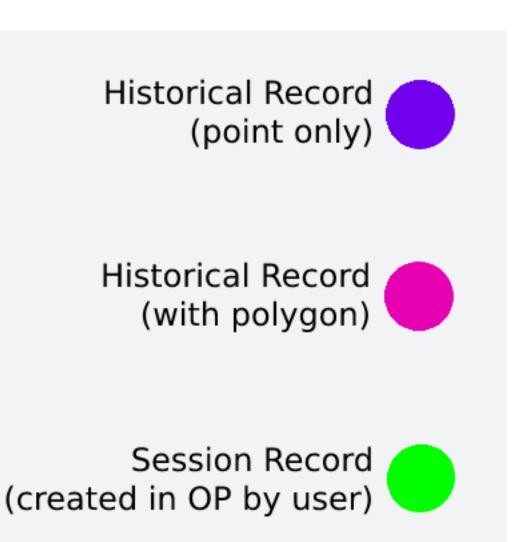
# Drawing polygons: android & iOS





### Viewing Historical Data





# Alternate Symbology for Historical Data

Management Status

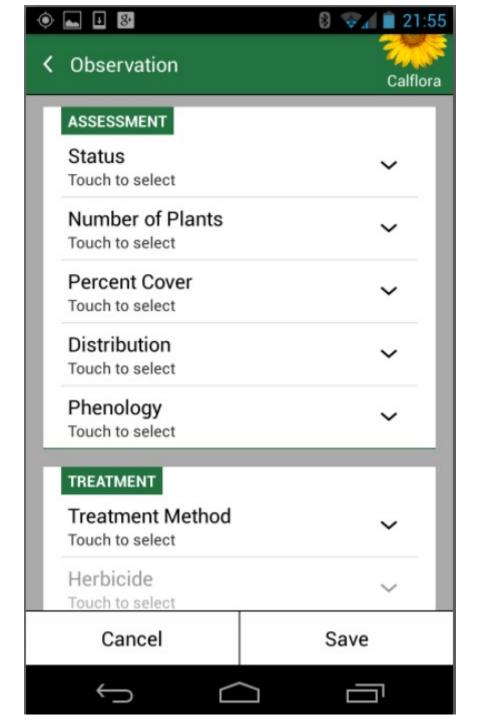
Population Priority

Population Plant Count

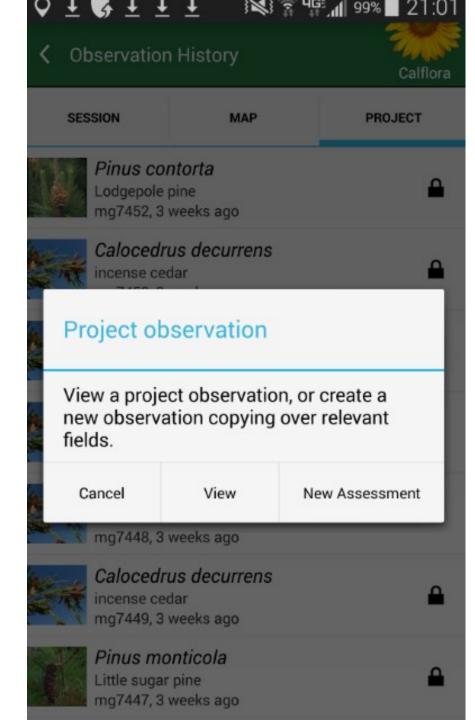
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Coming back the following year for a new assessment of the same patch



### Dual XGPS150A

Universal Bluetooth® GPS receiver for portable devices



### Garmin GLO Bluetooth GPS for iOS and Android



### Bad Elf – has High Accuracy models



### GNS 2000 GPS MFI GLONASS RECEIVER





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# Field Assignment

- 1 new assessment
- 1 new population
- 1 polygon
- 1 line or point
- Fill out all fields
- Take photos





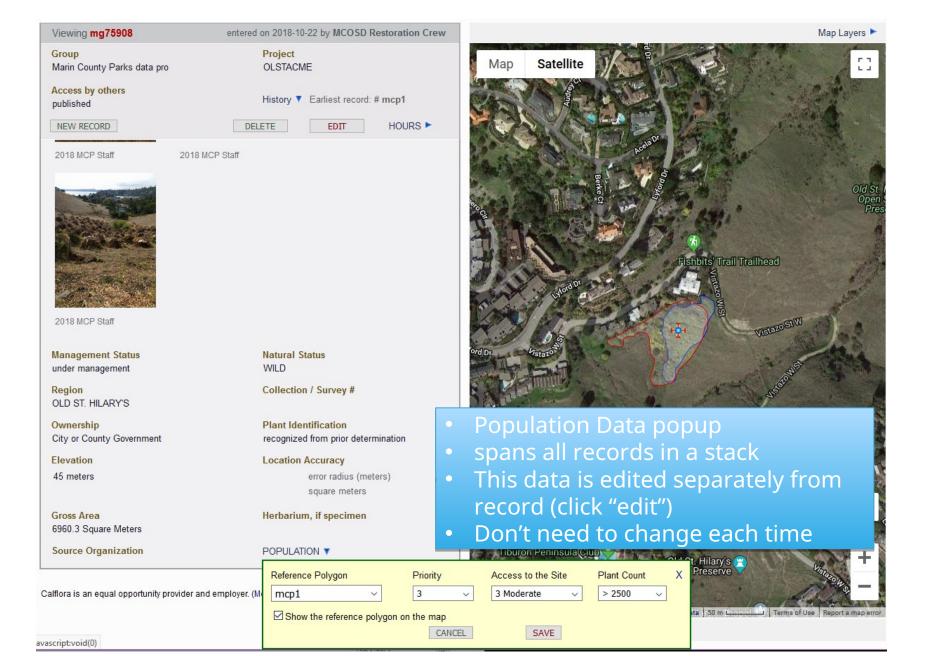
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### Skills to Demo

QA/QC in POE
Photo rotate, notes
History Stacking
Shape Editor – convert line to polygon
Symbology in G.O.
Column Sets → Data Download

### **POPULATION Record**



TOOLS >

MCP Staff

EDIT - LOGOUT

Viewing mg46658 entered on 2017-07-03 by Pete Frye Organization Project Marin County Parks data pro TELIAETR Access by others History ► Earliest record: # mcp4449 published DELETE HOURS > NEW RECORD EDIT Aegilops triuncialis Goatgrass Observer \* Observation Date \* Pete Frye 2017-07-03 13:14:40

Location Description
Terra Linda

Habitat

Grassland / Open field

Number of Plants \* Percent Cover 37 0 - 1

Distribution Phenology
Scattered Plants Fruiting

**Treatment Notes** 

Pulled about 50 yst near center. Not much nearby

Treatment Method Hand Pull

 Solution Amount
 Solution Units

 Product 1
 Product 1 Percent

 Product 2
 Product 2 Percent

 Product 3
 Product 3 Percent

Percent Treated

100

Crew 1 Crew 2

Restoration Crew Resource Specialists
Crew 3 Number of Volunteers

Photos: none

 Management Status
 Natural Status

 under management
 WILD

Region Collection / Survey

TERRA LINDA/SLEEPY HOLLOW DIVIDE

Ownership Plant Identification

City or County Government recognized from prior determination

Elevation Location Accuracy

79 meters 8.0 error radius (meters)





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DONE!



# Mapping and Tracking (Invasive) Plants with Calflora's Weed Manager

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