

OVER 1000 KINDS OF PLANTS GROW WILD IN ANDERSON VALLEY AND THE REST OF THE NAVARRO RIVER WATERSHED.

The majority are local native species, meaning that they are indigenous to this area. Local native plants make up the historic vegetation of the Navarro and are the heart of the natural landscape we all enjoy.

About 20% of the plant species growing wild in our watershed are not indigenous. These “exotics” are relatively recent arrivals and come from places all around the world. Some were intentionally introduced, while others got here by accident. Still others are escapees from backyard gardens and landscape plantings. Most appear to do little harm and have quietly assimilated into the local flora. A few, however, are highly aggressive and have become invasive weeds displacing less competitive natives, and in bad infestations, contributing to the loss of biodiversity.

Exotic invasive plants are unwelcome intruders in the Navarro and hurt both the environment and our local economy. They are taking over agricultural fields, roadsides, and other disturbed places. They are spreading into our forests and woodlands at an alarming rate and degrading sensitive, stream-side (riparian) habitats.



Eighteen of the worst offenders are identified in this pamphlet. Exotic invasive plants pose a serious and growing threat to the Navarro River watershed. What can, and should, we do?

Each of us can take steps to limit the spread of these pests and manage existing infestations. By working together, we may also be able to eradicate at least some of them from the Navarro. Help is available to answer questions, perform on-site assessments and recommend control strategies.



To learn more, contact the community resources listed below.

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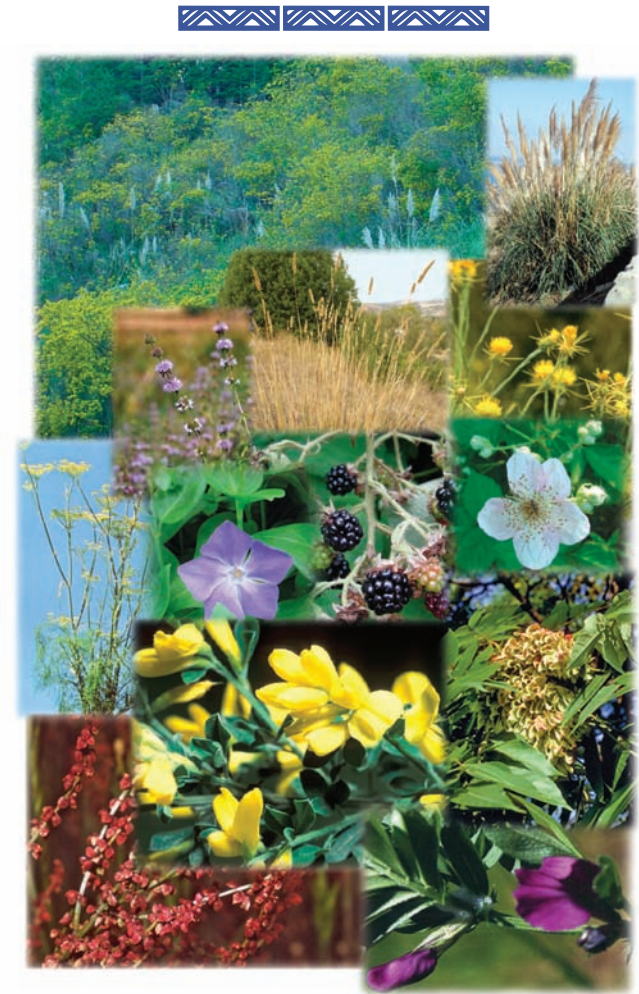


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Fennel
(*Foeniculum vulgare*)



Giant reed (*Arundo donax*)



Himalayan blackberry
(*Rubus discolor*)



English ivy
(*Hedera helix*)



Poison hemlock
(*Conium maculatum*)



Jubata grass
(*Cortaderia jubata*)



Tansy ragwort
(*Senecio jacobaea*)



Tree-of-heaven
(*Ailanthus altissima*)



Field bindweed
(*Convolvulus arvensis*)



Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*)



Common spring vetch
(*Vicia sativa*)



Milk thistle
(*Silybum marianum*)



Pennyroyal
(*Mentha pulegium*)



Harding grass
(*Phalaris aquatica*)



Periwinkle (*Vinca major*)



Sheep sorrel
(*Rumex acetosella*)



Yellow starthistle
(*Centaurea solstitialis*)



Klamathweed
(*Hypericum perforatum*)