

Invasive species are organisms that are not native to an environment, and once introduced, they establish, quickly reproduce and spread, and cause harm to the environment, economy, or human health. Examples of how invasive species are impacting California include:



- Eurasian watermilfoil is a highly invasive submerged aquatic plant that quickly spreads, clogs up waterways, and negatively affects native plants and animals.
- Polyphagous and Kuroshio shot hole borers spread fungal infections to hundreds of tree species, leading to dieback and death of native, crop, and landscaping trees in California
- New Zealand mudsnails can reach incredibly high densities, displacing native invertebrates and important, nutritious food sources for California's trout and salmon
- Nerodia watersnakes are non-venomous, generalized predators that can eat a variety of animals and successfully prey upon and out-compete native species.



Volunteers from Mountains Restoration Trust (top) and Friends of Five Creeks (bottom) help remove invasive crayfish and plants during the 2016 CISAW.



YOUTH ART CONTEST

Theme: **Don't Let it Loose!**

Deadline: **May 5**

Visit wildlife.ca.gov/CISAW for details!



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**2017 CALIFORNIA
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Promoting invasive species awareness • Encouraging public action • Protecting California's resources

When choosing landscaping and ornamental plants, select non-invasive alternatives for planting.
plantright.org

Iceplant alternative



Never release unwanted pets, fish, or aquarium plants into the wild!
dontletitloose.com

Non-native loach



Common coqui



Inspect your nursery plants and soil for invasive stowaways, and report them to CDFW.
wildlife.ca.gov/invasives

Avoid spreading forest pests and diseases hiding in firewood – buy it where you burn it!
firewood.ca.gov



Inspect and clean all equipment and gear every time you exit a waterbody or trail.
playcleango.org



Stop the spread of aquatic hitchhikers. Remember to Clean, Drain, and Dry!

wildlife.ca.gov/mussels



Get Involved!

Volunteer for invasive species removal or restoration projects – check the Schedule of Events to find one near you!

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