

DRAFT: Some Invasive Non-native Plants in Wetland Ecosystems in the San Francisco Bay Region
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| [DRAFT] Appendix I: Some Invasive Non-Native Species in the San Francisco Bay Region to Avoid Planting or Exclude in Wetland Mitigation Sites (Dec | | | | | | | |
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| (note that a second listing of the same species in blue indicates a different opinion on the status of invasiveness.) | | | | | | | |
| <p>Important Note: Native species in wetland ecosystem mitigation sites are preferred over non-natives to preserve biodiversity and the unique vegetation of the San Francisco Bay Region. The following list of invasive exotic species is intended to (1) increase awareness of exotics (2) identify the worst exotics and (3) identify potential exotics before they become uncontrollable.</p> <p>This list is intended to provide general guidance only and does not serve as regulation. Wetland mitigation sites -- including associated buffers and transitional areas -- should ultimately provide native vegetation species unless the project goal is specifically for non-natives (e.g., for some acceptable wildlife food). There may be some non-native species that are exceptions to the guidelines below based on professional opinions or actual variables that might make a species more or less aggressive in different habitat types, micro-climates, or plant communities among other things. There may also be aggressive non-natives that are only ephemeral and will not persist. The project applicant responsible for the mitigation site should provide site conditions that prevent aggressive non-native species from persisting as dominants over the long term. Some native species (e.g., cattails, bulrush) may also require control depending on the target habitat, though this list deals only with non-native vegetation. For advice, consult a professional botanist or wetland consultant and review the updated CALEPPC lists (reference provided below). This appendix is specifically for the San Francisco Bay</p> | | | | | | | |
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| TIER 1 = HIGHLY INVASIVE NON-NATIVE SPECIES TO AVOID PLANTING AND KEEP OUT OF WETLAND MITIGATION SITES | | | | | | | |
| Latin Name | Common Name | Wetland Status ^a | Invasive ^b | On Cal EPPC List ^c | Habitat Type ^d | Source | Comments |
| <i>Arundo donax</i> | Giant reed | Fac+ | Yes | A-1 | FM, R | 2, 5, 7, 9, 11 | |
| <i>Agrostis avenacea</i> | Australian bent grass (or Pacific or Oat bent grass) | FacW* | Yes | NMI | TM, BM, SM | 7, 12 | In North SF Bay (2005); not yet widely recognized as strongly invasive. |
| <i>Carpobrotus edulis</i> | Ice plant, sea fig | NG | Yes | A-1 | TM | 6, 7, 9 | Especially on dunes |
| <i>Centaurea solstitialis</i> | Yellow star thistle | NG | Yes | A-1 | Gr, U, TA | 4, 5, 7, 9 | |
| <i>Cortaderia selloana</i> (or <i>C. jubata</i>) | Pampas grass | NG | Yes | A-1 | U or TA | 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12 | |
| <i>Cynara cardunculus</i> | Arthichoke thistle | NG | Yes | A-1 | Gr | 5, 7 | |
| <i>Cytisus scoparius</i> | Scotch broom | NG | Yes | A-1 | Up, TA | 7, 9 | |
| <i>Delairea odorata</i> | Cape ivy | NG | Yes | A-1 | R | 5, 7, 9, 11, 12 | Formerly <i>Senecio mikanooides</i> |
| <i>Egeria densa</i> | Brazilian waterweed | Obl | Yes | A-2 | OW | 7, 11 | |
| <i>Eichhornia crassipes</i> | Water hyacinth | Obl | Yes | A-2 | CW | 7, 11 | |
| <i>Elytrigia pontica</i> | Tall/Rush Wheatgrass | NG | Yes | | TM, BM (?) | 12 | In Coyote Hills & Mare Island areas (2005); not yet widespread but potential to spread to high marsh |
| <i>Ehrharta erecta</i> | Veldt grass | NG | Yes | B | R, Gr, TA | 5, 12 | Especially invasive in semi-shaded riparian or coastal habitats |

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| <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> | Tasmanian blue gum | NI | | A-1 | R, Gr | 7 | |
| <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> | Fennel | FacU- | NA | | DB, U or TA | 2, 4, 12 | Keep very low or out of transition areas for first five years. |
| <i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> | Fennel | FacU- | Yes | A-1 | Up or TA; Gr | 7, 9 | |
| <i>Genista monspessulana</i> | French broom | NG | Yes | A-1 | SW; U or TA | 4, 5, 7 | |
| <i>Hydrilla verticillata</i> | Hydrilla | Obl | Yes | RA | OW | 7, 11 | |
| <i>Lepidium latifolium</i> | Broadleaf Peppergrass | FacW | Yes | A-1 | DB, BM; FM, SW, Gr, VP, Up or TA | 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11 | |
| <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> | Purple loosestrife | Obl | Yes | RA | TM, FM, SW, R ?? | 2, 5, 6, 7, 11 | |
| <i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> | Eurasian watermilfoil | Obl | Yes | A-1 | OW, R | 7, 11 | |
| <i>Pennisetum setaceum</i> | Fountain grass | NG | Yes | A-1 | Gr | 7 | |
| <i>Rubus discolor</i> | Himalayan blackberry | Fac + | Yes | A-1 | R, FM, DB | 5, 7, 8, 11 | |
| <i>Salvinia molesta</i> | Giant salvinia | NG | Yes | RA | OW | 7, 11, 12 | Present only in Central Valley (but has potential to spread to SFBay Area) |
| <i>Spartina alterniflora</i> | Smooth cordgrass | Obl | Yes | A-2 | TM | 2, 5, 7, 11 | Contact Invasive Spartina Program for control methods [www,spartina.org] |
| <i>Spartina anglica</i> [?] | Cordgrass | Obl | Yes | RA | TM | 7 | Contact Invasive Spartina Program for control methods [www,spartina.org] |
| <i>Spartina densiflora</i> | Dense-flowered cordgrass | Obl | Yes | RA | TM | 6, 7, 11 | Contact Invasive Spartina Program for control methods [www,spartina.org] |
| <i>Tamarix chinensis</i> | Tamarisk (salt cedar) | FacW | Yes | A-1 | R | 7, 11 | |
| <i>Ulex europaeus</i> | Gorse | NG | Yes | A-1 | Gr | 7 | |
| <i>Vinca major</i> | Periwinkle | NG | Yes | B | R | 5, 7, 11 | |

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| TIER 2 = MODERATELY INVASIVE NON-NATIVE SPECIES TO AVOID PLANTING AND KEEP OUT OF WETLAND MITIGATION SITES | | | | | | | |
| Latin Name | Common Name | Wetland Status ^a | Invasive ^b | On Cal EPPC List ^c | Habitat Type ^d | Source | Comments |
| Ailanthus altissima | Tree of heaven | FacUn | | A-2 | U or TA | 7 | |
| Avena fatua | Wild oat | NG | NA | | Gr | 2, 5 | |
| Avena fatua | Wild oat | NG | | AG | | 7 | |
| [Brassica &] Hirschfeldia inc | Mustard | Upl | NA | NMI | DB | 2 | |
| Brassica nigra | Black mustard | NG | | B | SW, U or TA | 7 | |
| Bromus diandrus | Ripgut brome | NG | NA | AG | Gr | 2, 5, 7 | |
| Bromus hordeaceus | Soft chess | FacU- | NA | | Gr | 2 | |
| Carduus pycnocephalus | Italian thistle | NG | | B | Wide, Gr | 5, 7 | |
| Cirsium vulgare | Bull thistle | Fac | | B | R, SW | 7 | |
| Conium maculatum | Poison hemlock | Fac | NA | | DB | 2, 12 | Keep very low or out of transition areas for first five years. |
| Conium maculatum | Poison hemlock | Fac | Yes | B | Up, TA | 5, 7, 9 | |
| Cotoneaster pannosus | Cotoneaster | NG | Yes | A-2 | | 7 | |
| Dittrichia graveolens | Stinkwort | NG | IA | | DB, U, TA | 2, 15 | |
| Hordeum marinum | Barley | Fac or Upl | NA | | DB, U or TA | 2, 9 | |
| Iris pseudacorus | Iris | Obl | | B | TM | 6, 7 | |
| Lolium multiflorum | Italian ryegrass | Fac* | | AG | Gr | 5, 7, 9, 13, 15 | On wetland plant list under L.perenne (?); see comment for L.perenne below. |
| Lolium multiflorum | Italian ryegrass | Fac* | NA | | Gr | 2, 12 | |
| Lolium perenne | Perennial ryegrass | Fac* | Yes? | | | | In special cases can be used as a smother crop to prevent star thistles, picris, and other invasive species from becoming established until native speices dominate. However, it should not persist as dominant species for more than 10 years. Never allow in vernal pools. |

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| | | | | | | | Sometimes only a pioneer species on sites with summer flooding or perennial vegetation that will die out after about 10 years. Should not be allowed to persist as a dominant species after 10 years unless specifically for wildlife food.(?) |
| Lythrum hyssopifolia | Hyssop loosestrife | FacW | NA | | DB, VP, Gr | 2 | |
| Oxalis pes-caprae | Bermuda buttercup | NG | | NMI | Gr | 5, 7 | |
| Pennisetum clandestinum | Kikuyu grass | FacU | | NMI | Gr | 2, 5 | |
| Phalaris aquatica | Harding grass | Fac | | B | VP?, Gr | 7 | |
| Raphanus sativus | Radish | Upl | | | U or TA | 9, 12 | Keep very low or out of transition areas for first five years. |
| Salsola soda | Mediterranean saltwort | FacW+ | | NMI | TM | 6, 7 | |
| Spartina patens | Salt meadow cordgrass | Obl | | RA | TM | 7 | Contact Invasive Spartina Program for control methods [www,spartina.org] |
| TIER 3 = UNAGGRESSIVE NON-NATIVE SPECIES TO AVOID PLANTING IN WETLAND MITIGATION SITES UNLESS FOR WILDLIFE OR OTHER ACCEPTABLE REASON | | | | | | | |
| Latin Name | Common Name | Wetland Status ^a | Invasive ^b | On Cal EPPC List ^c | Habitat Type ^d | Source | Comments |
| Anagallis arvensis | Scarlet pimpernel | Fac | | | | 14 | |
| Chenopodium berlandieri | Goosefoot | NG | NA | | DB | 2 | Waterfowl food. |
| Cotula coronopifolia | Brass buttons | FacW+ | NA | | DB | 2, 15, 16 | |
| Convolvulus arvensis | Bind weed | NG | | | | 15, 16, 17 | Can be invasive, so be careful to control spread. |
| Crypsis schoenoides | Swamp timothy | Obl | | | FM? | 17 | Wildlife food. |
| Erodium spp. | Filaree | NG | | | 15, 16 | | |
| Heterotheca grandiflora | Telegraph weed | NG | | | 15, 16 | | |
| Lotus corniculatus | Bird's foot trefoil | Fac | | | SW, DB, U or TA | 2, 4, 15, 16 | |
| Paspalum dilitatum | Dallis grass | Fac | | | VP | | |

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| Polypogon monspeliensis | Rabbit's foot grass | FacW+ | | | BM, SW, FM | 12, 15, 16, 17 | In some habitat types such as a brackish tidal marsh, it generally does not persist as a dominant after the first 5 years, once native perennial vegetation is established. However, it should not be allowed to persist as a dominant species after 10 years unless specifically planted for wildlife food (?). |
| Phyla nodiflora | Frog-fruit | FacW | | NMI | VP | 7 | |
| Picris echioides | Bristly ox tongue | Fac | | CBNL | | 7, 12, 17 | Noxious persistent weed on urban rubble, but cannot compete in shaded areas. |
| Plantago coronopus | Cutleaf plantain | Fac | | | U or TA | 4, 15, 16 | |
| Plantago lanceolata | English plantain | Fac- | | | | 15, 16 | |
| Rumex crispis | Curly Dock | FacW- | | | DB | 2, 17 | |
| Rumex crispis | Curly Dock | FacW- | Yes? | | FM?, SM, VP? Up or TA? | 9, 13 | Can be invasive; keep out of vernal pools. Should this be in Tier 2 or Tier 3??? |
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| ^a Wetland Status indicating probable estimated occurrence in wetlands (from Reed 1998 and RMG 1993): | | | | | | | |
| Obl= Obligate =99% | | | | | | | |
| FacW = Facultative Wet = 67% - 99% | | | | | | | |
| Fac Facultative = equally likely to occur in wetlands and nonwetlands (34% - 66%) | | | | | | | |
| Fac U = Facultative Upland = 1% - 33% | | | | | | | |
| Up = Upland = < 1% | | | | | | | |
| NG = Not given (so does not occur in wetlands >1%); NA = No Agreement; NI = No Indicator (not enough information); | | | | | | | |
| + = more/ - = less; * = a tentative assignment. | | | | | | | |
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| ^b Invasive is based on one of the sources below. Note: Source 2 (Goals Report 1999) distinguishes between: | | | | | | | |
| NA = naturalized alien (less threatening to native species) | | | | | | | |
| IA = invasive alien (more threatening to invasive species) | | | | | | | |
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| ^c CalEPPC List (Source #8): | | | | | | | |
| A-1 = Most Invasive Wildland Pest Plant | | | | | | | |
| A-2: Most Invasive Wildland Pest Plants; Regional [in SF Bay] | | | | | | | |
| B = Pest Plants of Lesser Invasiveness | | | | | | | |

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| RA = Red Alert: Species with potential to spread explosively | | | | | | | |
| NMI = Need more information | | | | | | | |
| AG = Annual Grasses [of concern??] | | | | | | | |
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| Habitat Types: TM = Tidal Marsh; BM = Brackish Marsh; FM = Freshwater Marsh; SM = Seasonal Marsh; VP = Vernal Pool; R = Riparian; Gr = Grassland; U or TA = Uplands or Transitional Area; DB = Diked Baylands; CW = Coastal Waters; OP = Open Water; Wide = Widespread. | | | | | | | |
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| 18, [ASK CARL WILCOX, LARRY WYCOFF, ART FEINSTEIN, DAVID LEWIS TO REVIEW & COMMENT ON LIST] | | | | | | | |
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