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What are invasive species?

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.

How do they affect California?

Invasive species reduce native fish, wildlife and plant populations, as well as degrade, or even destroy, their habitats. Invasive plants "choke" waterways and other areas, inhibiting recreational use by Californians. Invaders can foul boats and equipment, alter water quality, transmit diseases or kill vast areas of forest, increasing the odds and intensity of wildfires.



Red swamp crayfish

Youth POSTER Contest

Theme:

Race To Protect Your Favorite Place

Create an original poster showing us what invasive species threaten your favorite outdoor place and how you can take action to help protect it.

Top 3 winners in each division will receive an award and have their posters displayed on the Invasive Species Action Week webpage.

Mail entries to: CDFW Invasive Species Program
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1260, Sacramento, CA 95814 OR email to invasives@wildlife.ca.gov.

ENTRY DEADLINE: JULY 23, 2014

Visit the CDFW Invasive Species webpage for contest details and CISAW updates.



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Red-eared slider



Iceplant



2014 California Invasive Species Action Week

August 2 - 10

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

What is the California ISAW about?

The Invasive Species Action Week is to promote public awareness of invasive species issues and encourage public participation in the fight against California's invasive species and their impacts on our natural resources.

What can you do?

- Volunteer for invasive species removal/restoration projects.
- Find out which species threaten California. 🖱️ ice.ucdavis.edu/invasives
- Remove invasive plants from your property.
- Select native or non-invasive plants for your garden. 🖱️ www.plantright.org
- Use certified "weed-free" hay, seed, mulch, soil and gravel.
- Buy it where you burn it: Don't spread forest pests. 🖱️ www.firewood.ca.gov
- Learn which invaders are in your local area.
- Eat them. Yes, really. 🖱️ www.invasivore.org
- Monitor plants and trees for infestation symptoms.
- Share your knowledge.



Italian wall lizard



American bullfrog

Mountains Restoration Trust volunteers have removed more than 40,000 invasive crayfish from Malibu Creek. Photo by John Burnap.



Undaria removal, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center.
Photo by Marianne Kavanagh.

Take action!

Find a participating volunteer program in your area and view the schedule of events on the Invasive Species Action Week page

www.dfg.ca.gov/Invasives/ActionWeek

Gold-spotted oak borer



Report a sighting

Have you spotted an invader? Tell us where! Visit the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Invasive Species Program webpage to fill out a sighting report!