Don't plant a Pest

Remove These Invasive Plant Pests

1 Pennisetum setaceum
African Fountain Grass

2 Vinca major
Periwinkle

3 Cotoneaster
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4 Cytisus scoparius
Scotch Broom

5 Nassella tenuissima
Mexican Feather Grass

Some exotic plants such as these and species of Pyracantha, Algerian ivy (Hedera algeriensis), and privet (Ligustrum) can be innocently planted without realizing they end up beyond the far reaches of our gardens when birds, wind or water carry them to areas where they are difficult to control. Their spreading and greedy behavior can take over native habitats, inhibiting areas for all to enjoy. Few of these species offer any benefits to the local animals and insects. Invasive species and species that act like invasives should be removed from your gardens, removed from nursery stock and should not be planted in the first place.

Plant These Well Behaved Alternatives Instead

1 Melica imperfecta
Small Flowered Melica

2 Campanula poscharskyana
Serbian Bellflower

3 Heteromeles arbutifolia
Toyon / Christmas Berry

4 Peritoma arborea
Bladderpod

5 Stipa cernua
Nodding Needlegrass

PlantRight www.plantright.org

Since 2005, PlantRight has been working with California’s nursery industry to stop the sale of horticultural invasive plants in ways that are good for business and the environment. PlantRight unites leaders from California’s nursery and landscape industries, conservation groups, academia, and government agencies in a voluntary, science-based, and collaborative way. PlantRight’s Plant List, identifying the highest priority invasive garden plants, is the cornerstone of the program. For each plant on the invasive plant list, PlantRight suggests several non-invasive alternatives. Retailer partners pledge not to sell any plants on the Plant List, and any plants added to the list in the future. To track its progress and inform the plant list, PlantRight conducts a survey of retail nurseries throughout the state. PlantRight also has a Continuing Education program available for free to anyone who wants to learn about horticultural invasive plants.

California Native Plant Society (CNPS) cnps.org www.calscape.org

Our gardens play an important role in local ecosystems. The plants we choose for our gardens have the power to support pollinators, build wildlife corridors, and restore our natural landscapes. Calscape.org, is a tool CNPS has developed that makes it easier for gardeners to create thriving, natural gardens and avoid invasive plants. Use it to discover which plants are native to your location and to search by water requirements, blooming season, pollinator habitat and more. You also can build custom plant lists and find nearby nurseries who carry the plants you want. In addition to online resources, CNPS has 35 local chapters statewide that host native plant sales, garden tours, field trips, and expert talks.