

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:



Tony Northrup

Nutria are large, semi-aquatic rodents that can cause loss of wetlands, soil erosion, damage to agricultural crops, and reduced stability of banks and levees

Common coquis are small tree frogs that entered California in shipments of tropical plants. Their nocturnal calls are as loud as a lawnmower



Water hyacinth is a highly invasive floating aquatic plant that quickly spreads, clogs up waterways, and negatively impacts native plants, waterfowl, and fish

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



Chris Brown, USGS



Volunteers from Save the Bay (top) and Friends of Five Creeks (bottom) restore habitat during the 2017 CISAW.



Mountains Restoration Trust



Pat Matthews

YOUTH ART CONTEST

Theme: **Say No to Nutria**

Deadline: **May 3**

Visit wildlife.ca.gov/CISAW for details!



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



CDFW

Learn to identify invasive nutria and report potential sightings.
wildlife.ca.gov/nutria



Pat Matthews

Learn about invasive plants in your area and report new populations!
www.calflora.org



Gary Nafis

Never release unwanted pets, fish, or aquarium plants into the wild!
wildlife.ca.gov/DLIL



Clean fishing gear to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species like New Zealand mudsnails.
stopaquaticinvasives.org



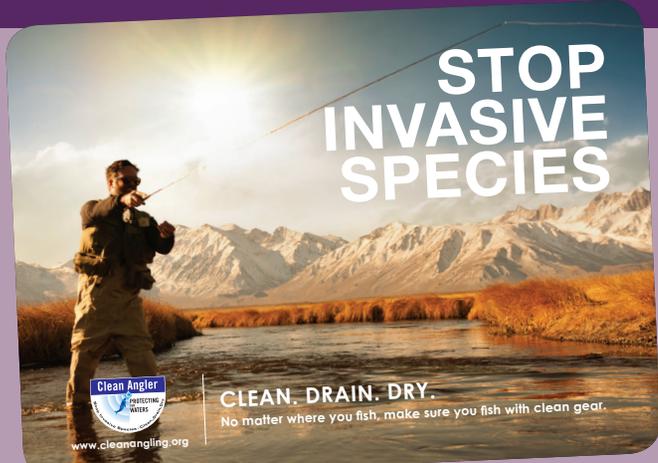
Monica Dimson, UC Cooperative Extension

Stop plant diseases and pests like shot hole borers from spreading!
ucanr.edu/sites/pshb



Chris Evans, University of Illinois, bugwood.org

Clean your boat of any aquatic vegetation, like fragments of invasive alligatorweed.
dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28993



Get Involved!

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

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