

# 2020 CALIFORNIA INVASIVE SPECIES ACTION WEEK

## JUNE 6 - 14

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.



Bullfrogs eat anything that fits in their mouths, including many native aquatic species. They also carry a fungus that causes a fatal skin disease in other frogs.



Monica Dimson

Mute swans were brought to California for ornamental ponds. They chase waterfowl from their nests and can be aggressive towards people and pets.



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.



Laura Drath, CDFW



San Diego River Park Foundation

**You Can Help!**

Boy Scout Troup 550 (top) and volunteers from San Diego River Park Foundation (bottom) remove invasive plants during CISAW.

### YOUTH ART CONTEST

Theme: **Be a Habitat Hero**

Deadline: **May 1**

Visit [wildlife.ca.gov/CISAW](http://wildlife.ca.gov/CISAW) for details!

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

Mountains Restoration Trust



Attend activities near you!  
[wildlife.ca.gov/cisaw](http://wildlife.ca.gov/cisaw)

EDDMaps.org



**EDDMaps**

Use the EDDMaps app to learn about invasive species and report sightings.  
[wildlife.ca.gov/invasives](http://wildlife.ca.gov/invasives)

Gary Nafis



Have an unwanted pet? Learn about options.  
[wildlife.ca.gov/DLIL](http://wildlife.ca.gov/DLIL)



Clean fishing gear to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species like New Zealand mudsnails.  
[wildlife.ca.gov/NZMS](http://wildlife.ca.gov/NZMS)

Save the Bay



Join an organization like the California Invasive Plant Council that supports work on invasives.  
[cal-ipc.org](http://cal-ipc.org)

Chris Evans, University of Illinois, bugwood.org



Clean your boat of aquatic vegetation like alligatorweed.  
[www.dbw.ca.gov/CleanDrainDry](http://www.dbw.ca.gov/CleanDrainDry)

## Get Involved!

Take action during Action Week and all year long!

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