

INVASIVE PLANTS OF RIPARIAN EASTERN MARIN



Prunus cerasifera flowers: February-March

Cherry plum Deciduous shrub to 25' with finely toothed green or purple leaves, and yellow or red fruit to ¾". Grows readily from seeds.



Acacia melanoxylon flowers: January-March

Blackwood acacia Evergreen tree to 40'. Mature leaves simple, narrow, to 3", with four veins. Flowers in pale yellow heads to 3/8" wide.



Cortaderia spp. flowers: August-November

Pampas grass and jubata grass Clumping saw-toothed grass to 12'. Feathery flower-heads to 3', silvery or purplish.



Arundo donax flowers: June-September

Giant cane Bamboo-like stems to 25'. With alternate leaves to 2' long. Rare plume of pale flowers at stem tip, to 2'.



Genista monspessulana flowers: March-May

French broom Shrub to 10' with round twigs and soft 3-part leaves. Less common are Scotch, Portuguese and Spanish brooms.



Foeniculum vulgare flowers: April-July

Fennel Perennial herb to 8' with filled stem and feathery leaves with thread-like leaflets. All parts have anise-like smell, and are edible.

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Hedera helix flowers: November-December

English ivy Evergreen trailing or climbing vine, rooting where stem touches soil. Shiny leaves to 3". Heads of small, cream-colored, fragrant flowers.



Vinca major flowers: February-May

Periwinkle (Vinca) Evergreen trailing vine, rooting where stem touches soil. Shiny opposite leaves to 3". Violet-blue flowers to 1½".



Rubus discolor flowers: May-July

Himalaya blackberry Vine bearing familiar edible berries on thick 5-angled stems with large thorns, rooting where tip touches soil.



Delairea odorata flowers: November-January

Cape ivy (German ivy) Twining, climbing vine with thin, several-pointed leaves. Smooth, fragile stems, if broken, re-root. Thin leaves to 3".



Dipsacus spp. flowers: July-August

Teasel Biennial herb to 5' with prickly heads of small mauve flowers. Opposite leaves collect water at prickly stem.



Allium triquetrum flowers: March-April

Onion lily Fleshy leaves and white flowers grow from white bulbs in the wet season. Forms carpets 1' thick. All parts smell of onion.