SLO County Weeds Encyclopedia

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Directions

Welcome everyone! The SLO Master Gardener Helpline is hoping to use what we produce in this document as a resource for helping troubleshoot weed-related problems that are reported by the community.

1. Direct contribution to the live Shared Word document.

If you are somewhat tech savvy, you can add your content directly to the <u>Shared Word document</u>. Please see the next page for specific directions. This will save us the step of copying and pasting the information from an email.

2. The not-so-technical Email contribution

Please email Ryan (<u>contentsoul@gmail.com</u>) or Cindy (<u>cindyb150@gmail.com</u>) with the following information for your five weeds (which you have from your assignment). We will copy and paste it into the online document. Feel free to follow the example below, although your work does not have to be in a table format.

- Photo of the Weed
- Common Name and Scientific Name
- Season(s)
- Lifecycle
- Type
- Management
- Citation (<u>website link</u> where you obtained this information) for example: (http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/weeds intro.html)
- Photo Location
- Credit

Useful websites

University of California Integrated Pest Management. "Weed gallery" (http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/weeds intro.html)

Penn State, College of Ag Science. "Weed Identification" (https://plantscience.psu.edu/outreach/plant-id)

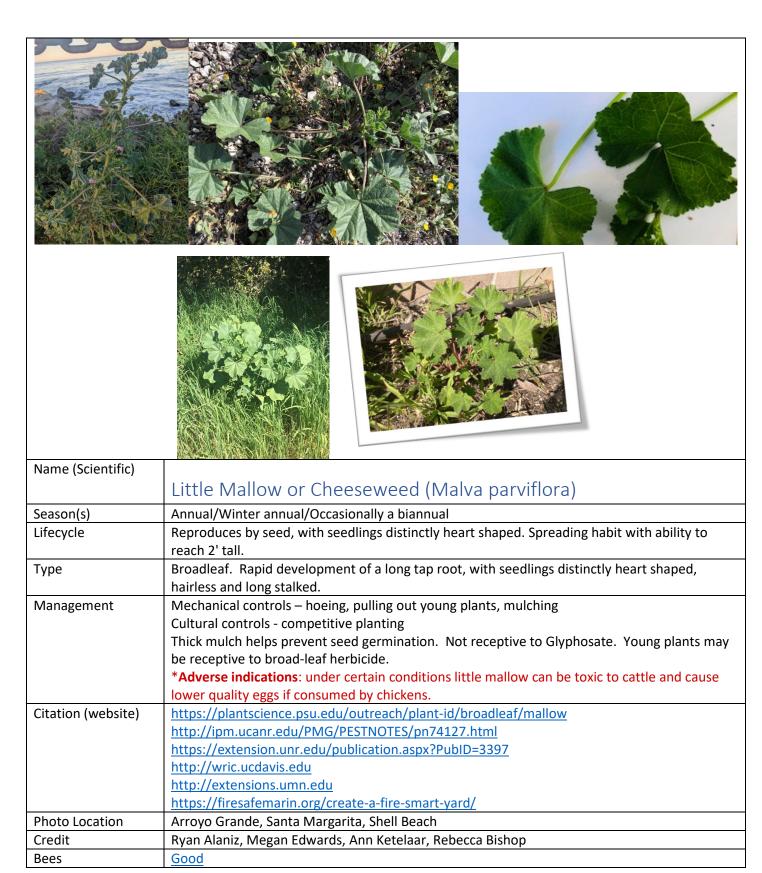
Directions for direct contribution to the live Shared Word document

IMPORTANT: Please note that the shared Word document is a "live" document. You are given permission to edit it, but please be careful not to delete anything that you did not enter.

- 1. First, collect all of your information about the weed you have chosen into your own separate document. Review the Little Mallow sample below for guidance. Make sure to include all of the content in your document that is specified in the sample (e.g., **Photo**, common **Name**, **Scientific** name, **Season**, etc).
- 2. Next, edit the on-line shared Word document to add the information you have collected to it. Click <u>THIS LINK</u> to go directly to the shared document. You will automatically be put into "Editing" mode which allows you to edit the file. DO NOT EDIT THE TABLE OF CONTENTS. This is done automatically by the program, and it pulls the name from your table entry.
- 3. Scroll down to the first available Table that contains blank information. Click inside the table entry that says "Add Names here" and add the common and scientific name of your weed to the table. The common name is followed by the scientific name in parenthesis. For example, Little Mallow is the common name in the sample, and Malva parviflora is the scientific name. Or Little Mallow (Malva parviflora). The Name appears in blue color to show that it is pre-formatted to be indexed in the table of contents. If the words you enter are no longer blue, don't worry. We can fix it later.
- 4. Next, click in each row below where you added the Name and enter the rest of the information for your weed. You can also use the Tab key on your keyboard to tab to the next location in the table.
- 5. Finally, add your photo of the weed to the top entry in the table. Go to the photo in your Word or text document, click on the photo and copy it to the clipboard. To copy, either right-click and select "Copy" from the menu, or use the keyboard shortcut "command C" (Apple) or "control C" (Windows). Then, click in the table entry space in the shared Word file that says "Place Photo here" (the top-most row), use the backspace to delete those words, and then paste the photo that is saved to the clipboard. To paste, either right-click and select "Paste" from the menu, or use the keyboard shortcut "command V" (Apple) or "control V" (Windows).
- 6. Review the content you added to ensure it is correct and edit if needed.
- 7. Close the shared Word document by closing the window or tab it is displayed in.

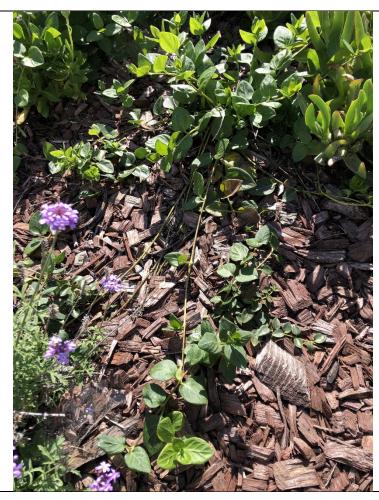
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BROADLEAF

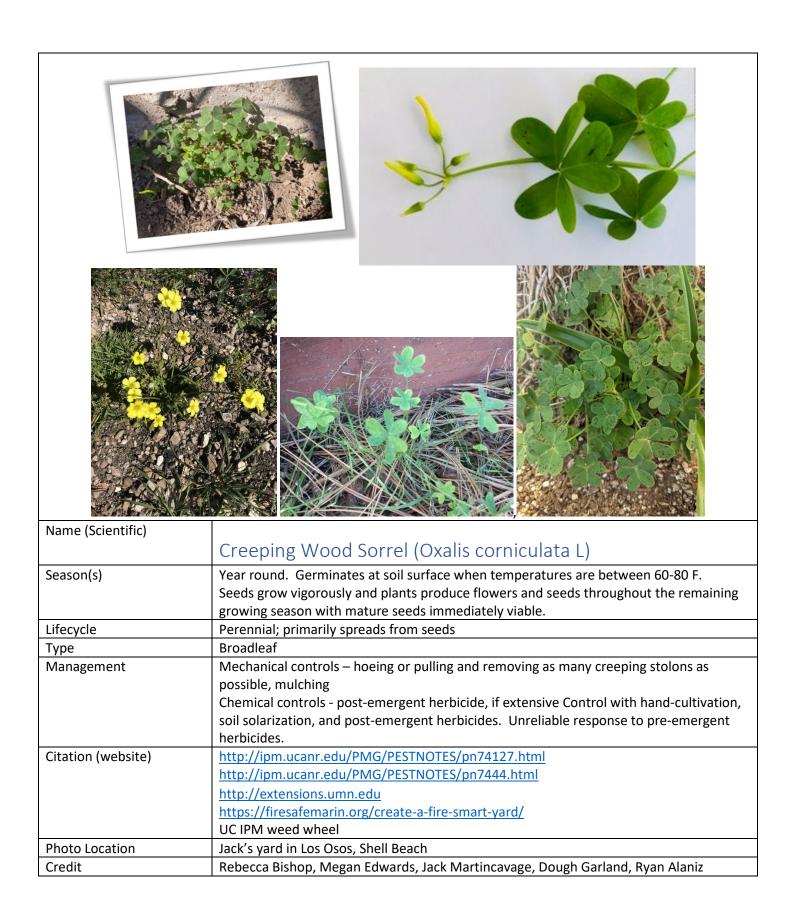




Name (Scientific)	
	Common Mallow (Malva neglecta)
Season(s)	Winter
Lifecycle	Annual or Biennial
Туре	Grass
Management	Mechanical controls – hoeing, pulling out, cutting at crown but older plants resprout, mulching
	Cultural controls – competitive plants
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/weeds_intro.html
Photo Location	Betty's yard in Arroyo Grande
Credit	Betty deBettebcourt



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Name (Scientific)	
	Field Bindweed (Convolvulus arvensis)
Season(s)	All year around
Lifecycle	Perennial
Туре	Broadleaf
Management	Mechanical controls - cultivate repeatedly to starve roots over 1 to 2 years
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn74127.html
Photo Location	Shell Beach
Credit	Doug Garland
Bees	Good





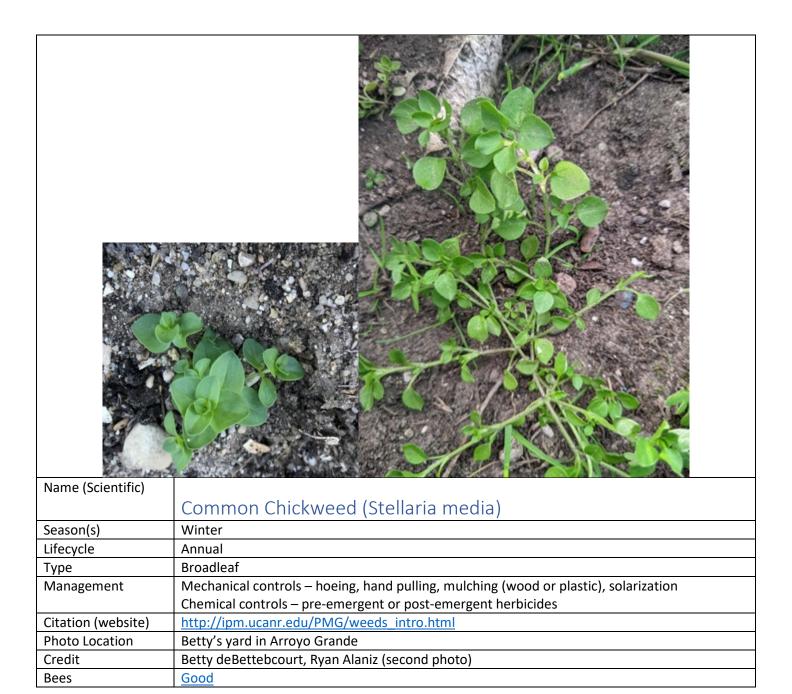
Name (Scientific)	
	Bermuda Buttercup (Oxalis pes-caprae)
Season(s)	Spring and summer
Lifecycle	Annual, from seed and bulbs in the ground (survives fire)
Туре	Broadleaf
Management	Cultivate out or herbicide
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn7444.html
Photo Location	Los Osos
Credit	Tom Esser
Notes	South African Native. Cultivated in Gardens
Bees	Good



Name (Scientific)	
	Buck's horn plantain (Plantago coronopus)
Season(s)	Late winter, spring
Lifecycle	Annual or biennial
Туре	Herbaceous flowering plant
Management	Mechanical controls – pulling out, hoeing, weed whacking, mulching
	Cultural controls – competitive plants
	Chemical controls - Isoxaben (new broadleaf pre-emergent herbicide) can limit germination of
	P. coronopus in turf and some ornamental crops. Post-emergent control is best with 2,4-D,
	and is difficult for established plants. Repeated applications can be helpful. (UC-IPM, 2012).
Citation (website)	https://www.cabi.org/isc/datasheet/109678#topreventionAndControl
	UC-IPM, 2012. Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program. California, USA: University of
	California.
Photo Location	Vacant lot next door, Morro Bay
Credit	Peggy Rice
Bees	Good



Name (Scientific)	
	Common Nipplewort (Lapsana communis)
Season(s)	Early spring or late fall
Lifecycle	Annual
Туре	Broadleaf
Management	Mechanical controls – hoeing, hand pulling out
	Chemical controls – post-emergent herbicide
Citation (website)	http://www.misin.msu.edu/facts/detail/?project=&id=70
	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/weeds_intro.html
Photo Location	Betty's yard in Arroyo Grande
Credit	Betty deBettebcourt
Bees	Good

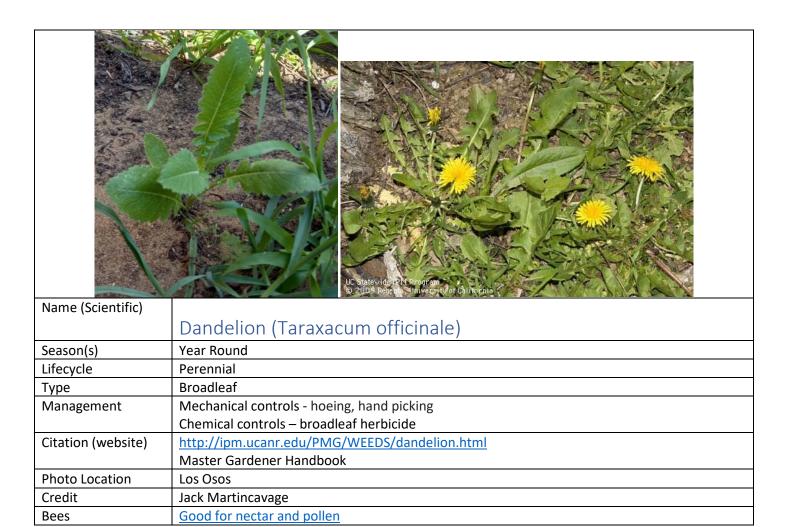




Name (Scientific)	
	Horseweed or Marestail (Conyza cadadensis)
Season(s)	Winter, summer or biennial
Lifecycle	Annual
Туре	Broadleaf
Management	Mechanical controls – hoeing, hand pulling
	Cultural controls - cultivation
	Chemical controls – pre-emergent or post-emergent herbicides (glyphosate resistant)
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/weeds_intro.html
	https://www.canr.msu.edu/weeds/extension/marestail-horseweed
Photo Location	Betty's yard in Arroyo Grande
Credit	Betty deBettebcourt
Bees	Good



Name (Scientific)		
	Field Bindweed (Convolvulus arvensis)	
Season(s)	Year round	
Lifecycle	Perennial; spreads by seed and rhizomes	
Туре	Broadleaf	
Management	Mechanical controls - hoeing, hand picking	
	Chemical controls - glyphosate	
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/WEEDS/field_bindweed.html	
Photo Location	Montana de Oro State Park	
Credit	Jack Martincavage	
Bees	Good	





Name (Scientific)	
	Southern Wood Violet (Viola hirsulata)
Season(s)	Perennial; can be grown as winter annuals in milder climates
Lifecycle	Plant forms thick, branching rhizomes with first growing season presents only with foliage.
	Thereafter each spring/summer plant flowers and sets seeds
Туре	Broadleaf
Management	Mechanical controls - hand-pulling, mulching, and solarization
	Cultural controls – exclusion, prevention, cultivation
	*Edible indications: Beginning foragers should only harvest the flower of the violet. Leaves are
	edible but easily confused with other non-edible plants. Violet flowers can be used to garnish
	salads or flavor vinegar and syrup. Pick them fresh for salads or freeze them while you
	continue to collect enough desired quantity for an infused vinegar or syrup recipe.
	(http://extensions.umn.edu)
Citation (website)	http://wric.ucdavis.edu
	http://ucanr.edu/weedpestnotes
	http://imp.ucanr.edu
	http://extensions.umn.edu
	https://firesafemarin.org/create-a-fire-smart-yard/
Photo Location	Zone 2 – close to a shared pool area
Credit	Megan Edwards
Bees	Likely



Name (Scientific)	
	Birdstrape Mustard (Brassica rapa)
Season(s)	Annual winter or summer; sometimes biennial
Lifecycle	Reproduces by seed, with kidney shaped cotyledons and deep notch at tip
	Mature plant stem branches are usually hairless, leaves are toothed and alternate
Туре	Broadleaf
Management	Mechanical controls - prescribed burn, mowing and cutting, tillage, grubbing, digging, hand-
	pulling
	Cultural controls - grazing
	Chemical controls - Ref. <u>wric.ucdavi.edu</u>
	*Adverse indications: if consumed in large quantities can irritate digestive tract and cause
	thyroid problems in livestock. Dried mature plants pose potential fire hazard.
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/WEEDS/mustards.html
	http://wric.ucdavis.edu
	http://ucanr.edu/weedpestnotes
	http://imp.ucanr.edu
	http://extensions.umn.edu
	https://firesafemarin.org/create-a-fire-smart-yard/
Photo Location	Wild lands bordering a fire road in Los Padres National Forest
Credit	Megan Edwards
Bees	Good for pollen, nectar







Name (Scientific)	
	Sahara Mustard/Asian Mustard (Brassica tournefortii)
Season(s)	Winter and Spring; Dec/Jan flower or fruit, Feb sets seeds
Lifecycle	Annual exotic/invasive weed native to North Africa, Middle East, and southern Europe.
	Seeds spread when plants break off and tumble in wind. Plants reproduce more quickly than
	native plants and survive and reproduce at higher rates.
Туре	Broadleaf
Management	Mechanical controls - hand-pulling during rosette and flowering stages
Citation (website)	http://wric.ucdavis.edu
	http://ucanr.edu/weedpestnotes
	http://imp.ucanr.edu
	http://extensions.umn.edu
	https://firesafemarin.org/create-a-fire-smart-yard/
Photo Location	Zone 1 close to Megan's house, Los Osos
Credit	Megan Edwards, Tom Esser, Tom Esser
Bees	Good for pollen



Name (Scientific)	
	Common purslane (Portulaca oleracea)
Season(s)	Found throughout California to about 4600 feet (1400 m) and is common in agricultural
	areas and other disturbed places. Plants prefer loose, nutrient-rich, sandy soil.
Lifecycle	Flowering takes place from May through September. Reproduces by seed and
	sometimes by stem fragments.
Туре	Broadleaf, succulent (fleshy)
Management	
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/menu.weeds.html
Photo Location	See Citation
Credit	Sophia Stephens
Bees	Good



Name (Scientific)	
	California burclover (Medicago polymorpha)
Season(s)	Bloom takes place from March to June. Flowers are small, bright yellow, and cluster into
	flower heads at the stem tips.
Lifecycle	Black medic and burclover have trailing stems that branch from the base and radiate out
	from a single taproot. Bloom takes place from March to June. Flowers are small, bright
	yellow, and cluster into flower heads at the stem tips. The pods are mostly brown,
	hairless, and smooth—or have two to three rows of prickles on the outer face. Prickles
	often end in tiny "hooks". California burclover reproduces by seed.
Туре	Broadleaf, clover or shamrock shaped
Management	Chemical controls - Yellow turf and green clover are a good indication of low nitrogen
	fertility. The invasion of clover into turfgrass can be reduced by using levels of nitrogen
	fertilizer that will promote grass growth but not the growth of clover; this can be
	achieved by applying 1 pound of active nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of turfgrass during
	each month of active turfgrass growth (not to exceed 4 lb active nitrogen/1,000 sq
	ft/year).
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/menu.weeds.html
Photo Location	Paso Robles (in turf grass invasion)
Credit	Sophia Stephens
Bees	Good



Name (Scientific)	Burning nettle (Urtica urens)
Season(s)	Winter annual in the interior valleys of California and grows year-round on the coast, where it is especially troublesome
Lifecycle	Flowers bloom from January through April, but year-round in milder coastal climates. Reproduces by seed
Туре	Broadleaf, toothed edges
Management	Mechanical controls - For stinging nettle, ensure that the underground portion called rhizomes are removed or the plants will regrow. Because stinging nettles are native to California and the western United States, control should only be performed in areas where they cause economic or health problems.
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/menu.weeds.html
Photo Location	Paso Robles (in a downtown alley along fence)
Credit	Sophia Stephens
Bees	Good



Name (Scientific)	
	Filarees (Erodium spp.)
Season(s)	Bloom period February – May
	Geranium family; winter annual or biennial
Lifecycle	A dicot is an annual herb that is not native to California, seed leaves 3- to 4-lobed,
	center lobe largest; true leaves arranged as opposite or alternate; leaves and stems
	bristly and hairy.
Type	Broadleaf, featherlike
Management	Mechanical controls – hand picking
	Cultural controls - cultivation before fruits develop
	Chemical controls - options are available
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/menu.weeds.html
Photo Location	Paso Robles (downtown sidewalk)
Credit	Sophia Stephens
Bees	Good





Name (Scientific)	
	Storksbill/ Filaree (Erodium cicutarium and Erodium Moschatum)
Season(s)	Spring and summer
Lifecycle	annual
Туре	Broadleaf
Management	Cultivate or Herbicide
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/WEEDS/filarees.html
Photo Location	Los Osos
Credit	Tom Esser
Bees	Good



Name (Scientific)	
	Sowthistle (Sonchus spp.)
Season(s)	Fall, winter spring
Lifecycle	Seed
Туре	Broadleaf
Management	hand pull, mow, cut, mulch
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/weeds_intro.html
Photo Location	Cambria, CA
Credit	Michelle Rudolph
Bees	Good, Nectar (Excellent light Honey)



Name (Scientific)	
	Annual sowthistle (Sonchus Oleraceus)
Season(s)	Fall, winter, early spring
Lifecycle	Wind-blown Seed
Туре	Broadleaf
Management	hand pull, mow, cut entire root is removed, spray with herbicide
Citation (website)	weed wheel, https://www.cabi.org/isc/datasheet/50584
Photo Location	Los Osos
Credit	Tom Esser
Bees	Good, Nectar (Excellent light Honey)



Name (Scientific)	
	Italian Thistle (Carduus pycnocephalus)
Season(s)	Winter annual (sometimes behaves biennial)
Lifecycle	Reproduces by seeds (carried by wind) that can lay dormant in soil for up to 7 years.
Туре	Broadleaf
Management	Dig out or apply post-emergent herbicide. Not responsive to fire, grazing, nor tilling.
Citation (website)	https://ucanr.edu/sites/livestockandnaturalresources/files/283306.pdf
Photo Location	Arroyo Grande
Credit	Rebecca Bishop
Bees	Good, Nectar



Name (Scientific)	
	Blessed milk thistle (Silybum marianum)
Season(s)	Winter or Summer Annual or Perineal
Lifecycle	Propagation is by seed. It flowers from April through July
Туре	Broadleaf
Management	Seed eating weevils were not very effective tried in 1971 to eradicate. Manual removal although this can be difficult with their up to 2" spikes. Try to manually eradicate, mow or dead head before they bloom as they produce 1500-5000 seeds, and the seeds can be dormant for years. Apply mulch, mow often if in the lawn. Herbicides are effective. Pre or post emergent.
Citation (website)	
Photo Location	Arroyo Grande, CA
Credit	An Ketelaar
Bees	Good, Nectar



Name (Scientific)	
	Curleaf Geranium (Geranium dissectum)
Season(s)	Annual to biennial. Flowers from Spring to October.
Lifecycle	Reproduces by seed
Туре	Broadleaf
Management	Dig, pull, or cultivate. Good to control with grazers. Burning not effective. Responds
	to post-emergent herbicide.
Citation (website)	https://wric.ucdavis.edu/information/natural%20areas/wr_G/Geranium_dissectum-
	<u>purpureum.pdf</u>
Photo Location	Arroyo Grande
Credit	Rebecca Bishop
Bees	Not Really



Name (Scientific)	
	Common Chickweed (Stelleria media)
Season(s)	Winter annual
Lifecycle	Reproduces usually by seed, however, also reproduces by creeping stems that
	root at the nodes.
Туре	Broadleaf
Management	Manage with weeding, cultivation, mulch, and soil solarization. Grazing by sheep
	and birds. Responds to many pre- and post-emergent herbicides.
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn74129.html
Photo Location	Arroyo Grande
Credit	Rebecca Bishop
Bees	Good, pollen and nectar



Name (Scientific)	
	Cudweed – American Everlasting (Gnaphalium coarctata)
Season(s)	Found year round in SLO County (behaves as a biennial)
Lifecycle	Reproduces by seed
Туре	Broadleaf
Management	Hand-weed. Well controlled by several preemergence herbicides
Citation (website)	https://projects.ncsu.edu/cals/plantbiology/ncsc/containerWeeds/Gnaphalium_spp.htm
Photo Location	Arroyo Grande
Credit	Rebecca Bishop
Bees	Short-tongued bees



Name (Scientific)	
	Southern wood violetame (Viola hirsulata)
Season(s)	perennial, can be grown as winter annuals in milder climates.
Lifecycle	Plant forms thick, branching rhizomes with first growing season presents only with foliage.
	There after each spring/summer plant flowers and sets seeds
Туре	Broad leaf
Management	Cultural and Mechanical primary methods with exclusion, prevention, cultivation, hand-
	pulling, mulching, and solarization
Citation (website)	http://extensions.umn.edu/
Photo Location	
Credit	Megan Edwards
NOTE	edible indications: Beginning foragers should only harvest the flower of the violet. Leaves are edible but easily confused with other non-edible plants. violet flowers can be used to garnish salads or flavor vinegar and syrup. Pick them fresh for salads or freeze them while you continue to collect enough desired quantity for an infused viniegar or syrup recipe.
Bees	?



Name (Scientific)	
	Wild Radish (Raphanus Raphanistrum)
Season(s)	Harvest in Spring, Summer and Autumn, Seed in Autumn and Spring
Lifecycle	Seed propagation – Flowers from April to July. Wild Radish is nonnative, invasive and
	emits a chemical that prevents other plants from germinating.
Туре	Broadleaf
Management	The best way to manage is to remove plants before they flower. They can be removed manually or chemically. Hand weeding, mulching and/or tilling. As a last resort a broadleaf
	herbicide can be used.
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/WEEDS/wild_radish.html
Photo Location	
Credit	
Bees	Good, Pollen



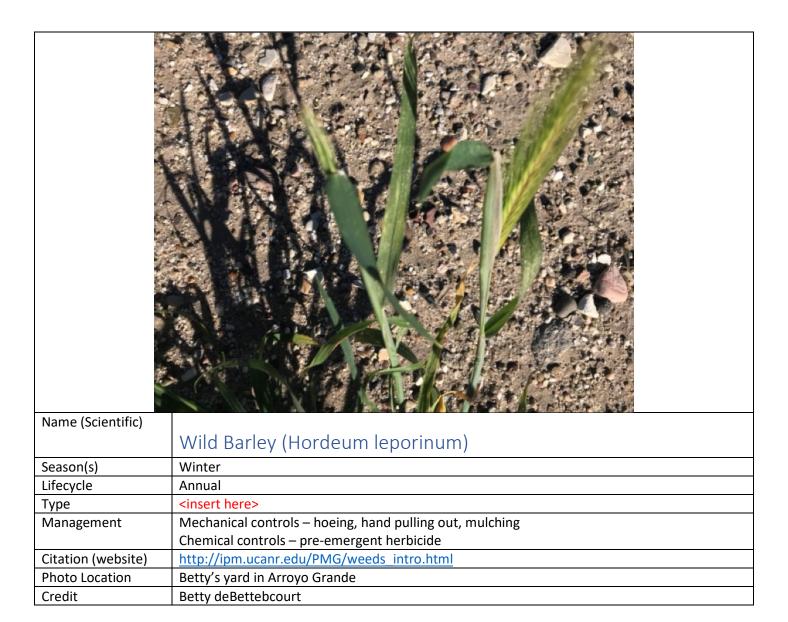
Name (Scientific)	
	Coyote Bush (Baccharis Pilularis)
Season(s)	All Year
Lifecycle	Windblown seeds from female bush in fall
Туре	Broadleaf
Management	Cultivate out or herbicide
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/GARDEN/PLANTS/baccharis.html
Photo Location	Los Osos
Credit	Tom Esser
Bees	<u>Very Important</u>





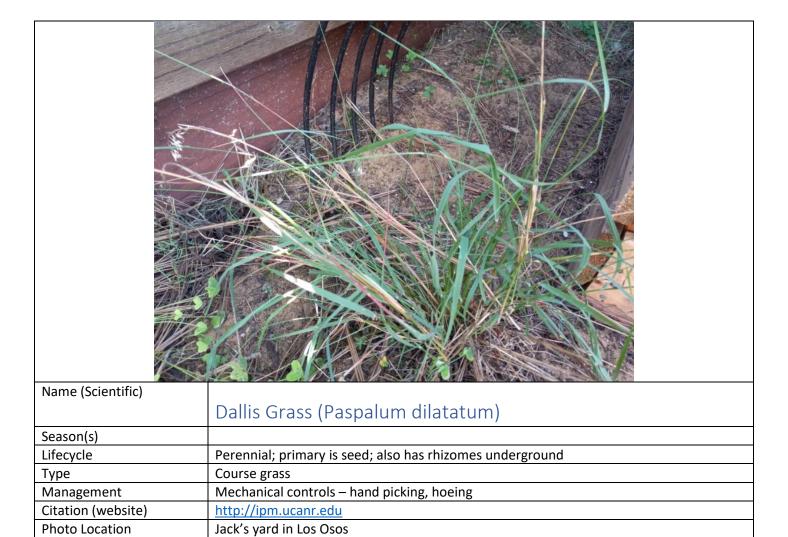
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	Pineapple Weed (Matricaria-discoidea, Chamomilla Suaveolens)
Season(s)	Winter and summer, flower May-August
Lifecycle	Annual, seeds, deep taproot, after rain
Туре	Broadleaf
Management	Cultivate, herbicide
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/WEEDS/pineapple_weed.html
	https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/pineapple-weed-matricaria-discoidea
Photo Location	Los Osos
Credit	Tom Esser, Jack Kelly Clark
Bees	Good

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Name (Scientific)		
	Yellow Foxtail (Setaria Glauca)	
Season(s)	Summer	
Lifecycle	Annual	
Туре	Grass	
Management	Mechanical controls – hoeing and mulching	
	Chemical controls - apply pre-emergent herbicide after February	
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn74127.html	
Photo Location	Shell Beach	
Credit	Doug Garland	



Jack Martincavage

Credit



Name (Scientific)	
	Crabgrass (Digitaria)
Season(s)	Commonly grows in Summer
Lifecycle	Annual; week primarily spreads by seed
Туре	Smooth grass
Management	Cultural controls – soil solarization
Citation (website)	UC IPM manual <be more="" specific=""></be>
Photo Location	Terrace Hill in San Luis Obispo
Credit	Jack Martincavage



Name (Scientific)	
	Crabgrass (Digitaria spp.)
Season(s)	Summer
Lifecycle	Annual
Туре	Grass
Management	Chemical controls - apply pre-emergent herbicide in February or March
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn74127.html
Photo Location	Shell Beach
Credit	Doug Garland



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Name (Scientific)	
	Crab grass (Digitaria Ciliaris [?])
Season(s)	Spring and summer (following winter rains)
Lifecycle	Annual; week primarily spreads by seed, rootings of the joints (culm nodes)
Туре	Smooth grass
Management	hand pull, set mower at best height for grass, preemergence herbicide late winter
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn7456.html
Photo Location	Los Osos
Credit	Tom Esser



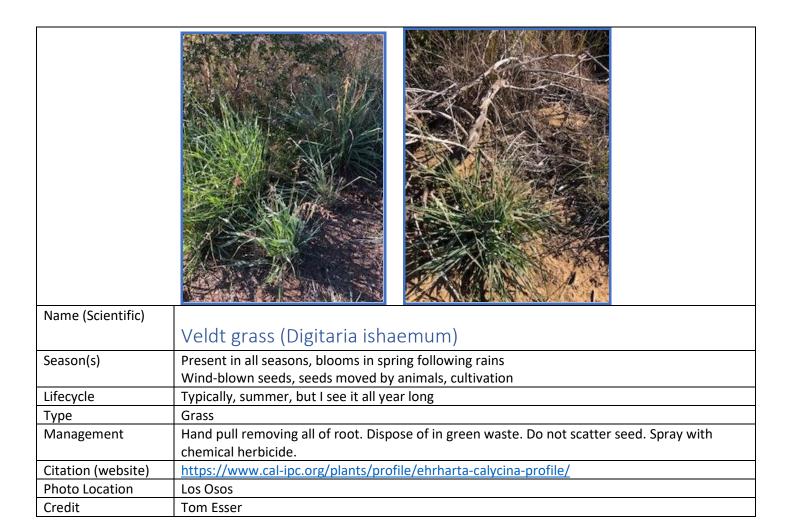
Name (Scientific)	
	Crabgrass (Digitaria ishaemum)
Season(s)	Typically, summer, but I see it all year long
Lifecycle	Lifecycle – Annual that blooms in Summer and Autumn Crabgrass seed is dormant for a short period after they are shed. They germinate after 5 days above 55 degrees. They adapt and can flower as low as ½" above the ground so mowing can spread the seeds.
Туре	Grass
Management	Hand weeding, raise the mower height, watch for leaking heads, overseed and fertilize, and can treat in late winter with a preemergence herbicide.
Citation (website)	
Photo Location	Arroyo Grande, CA
Credit	Ann Ketelaar

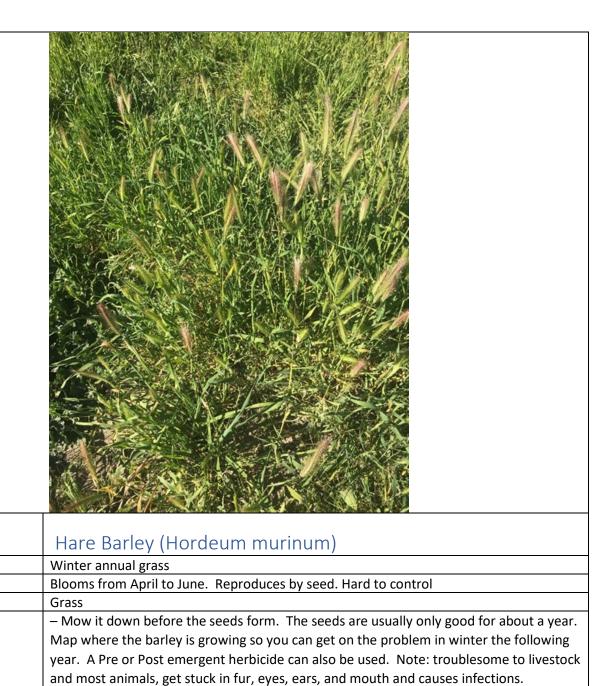


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	Smooth Crabgrass (Digitaria ischaemum)
Season(s)	Summer
Lifecycle	Annual
Туре	Grass
Management	Chemical controls – pre and post-emergent herbicides
	Reduce seed production, solarization,
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/WEEDS/smooth_crabgrass.html
Photo Location	Shell Beach
Credit	Ryan Alaniz



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	Smooth Crabgrass (Digitaria ischaemum)
Season(s)	Sprouts mid-march and continues growth until die back in Fall.
Lifecycle	Reproduces by seed
Туре	Grass
Management	Mulch, hoe, hand-pull, soil solarization, responds to pre and post-emergent herbicides
Citation (website)	http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn7456.html
Photo Location	Arroyo Grande
Credit	Rebecca Bishop





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