

Help Stop Invasive Garden Plants!

Join PlantRight (PlantRight.org) this spring for its [8th annual Spring Nursery Survey](#). County programs can offer volunteer hours to UC Master Gardeners who visit local nurseries to help PlantRight track the availability of invasive plants in California.

Participation in the 2017 Spring Nursery Survey is easy, educational, and fun!
Volunteers will:

1. View a training online and pass a short quiz
2. Download required survey materials (e.g. survey form & plant ID key)
3. Sign up to survey a store in their county
4. Visit the store and record information about any invasive plants sold there
5. Submit information to PlantRight



The survey process takes about 2.5 hours to complete. Volunteers can get started by viewing a training webinar at the start of their region's survey period. A recording of the webinar will be available on PlantRight.org for those who are unable to participate in the live event. Returning volunteers may view the full training or a shorter refresher video.

Southern California Webinar: *Wednesday, February 22nd, from 7:30 – 8:30 pm* (SLO, Kern, & San Bernardino Co., and south)

Northern California Webinar: *Wednesday, March 29th, from 7:30 – 8:30 pm* (north of SLO, Kern, & San Bernardino Co.)

Nurseries will become available for sign-up on PlantRight.org at noon the Monday after each region's webinar.

Sign up at: plantright.org/survey-registration

Our 2017 webinars will feature a presentation by Pamela Berstler, the CEO of G3: Green Gardens Group, and she will be talking about the watershed approach to landscaping. PlantRight staff will also share an overview of common invasive garden plants in California, along with basic training for completing the survey. Everyone is welcome at this live webinar, regardless of survey participation.

"2016 was the most successful survey in PlantRight's history, yet unwise water-wise plants keep appearing in new landscaping projects. Let's protect the gardens and wildlands of tomorrow, and continue our upward progress in 2017!" – Stephanie Falzone, PlantRight Survey Manager

2016 Survey Highlights:

PlantRight's 2016 [Spring Nursery Survey](#) was its most successful yet as far as the amount of data goes, thanks to the 175 volunteers who participated. Survey data from 302 nurseries in 46 counties showed that just 13% of nurseries sold the four remaining invasive plants our original list (created in 2006), compared to 30% of nurseries in 2012.

Between 2014 and 2016, the percent of nurseries selling periwinkle (*Vinca major*) dropped from 9.1% to 2.5%, and the percent selling green fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*) dropped from 6.4% to 3.7%. In 2014, we used survey data to add Mexican feathergrass (*Stipa/Nassella tenuissima*) to our list, and since 2014, the percent of nurseries selling this plant has decreased from 39% to 22.5%.

Want to learn more? Check out our survey report and fact sheet at: plantright.org/spring-nursery-survey. Thank you for your invaluable role in shaping PlantRight's strategy and helping us collaborate with the nursery industry!

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