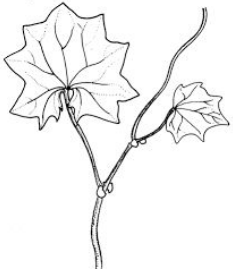


Cape Ivy

(Delairea odorata)



Cape ivy is an invasive ornamental plant. First introduced to the eastern United States in the 1850s as a common houseplant, the ivy came to California in the 1950s. It climbs over most other vegetation forming a solid cover that blocks light and smothers competition. Cape ivy is such a nuisance it is the first wildland weed that the California Department of Agriculture developed a specific biocontrol for.

Cape ivy currently covers 500,000 acres throughout the state and is a serious threat to most of the western coast of North America as well as Italy and Australia.

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