



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?
It is an Emergent Invasive in Orange County

**CANARY ISLAND ST.
JOHN'S WORT**
Hypericum canariense

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Distribution map & info:

- calflora.org/cgi-bin/species_query.cgi?where-calrecnum=4308
- cal-ipc.org/ip/management/plant_profiles/Hypericum_canariense.php



Flowering is April-June.



Canary Island St. John's Wort is a rhizomatous evergreen shrub, 6-10 ft. high & wide. It is endemic to the Canary Islands' west-facing coastal slopes.

As an imported ornamental, it has escaped in the similar climate of California's central & south coast & southern San Francisco Bay regions, though it is not yet widespread.



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Prolific seed production & rhizomatous roots allow rapid spread into dense stands, in disturbed areas.



IF YOU SEE THIS PLANT AT A SITE THAT'S NOT ON THE LIST:

- Record the plant's location as exactly as you can (GPS coordinates if possible), the date you saw it, and an estimate of how many there were. Include the site's landowner or manager, if known.
- Take identifying photos: the whole plant & its surroundings, closeups of leaves, flowers & fruits/pods.
- If you take a sample, place it immediately into a sealed bag.
- To avoid spreading the plant, check your clothing and shoes thoroughly before leaving the area, and remove and bag all traces of seeds.
- Report the find immediately to **invasives@occnps.org**.