

A Guide to the Nine Species of *Caulerpa* Banned in California

Caulerpa taxifolia



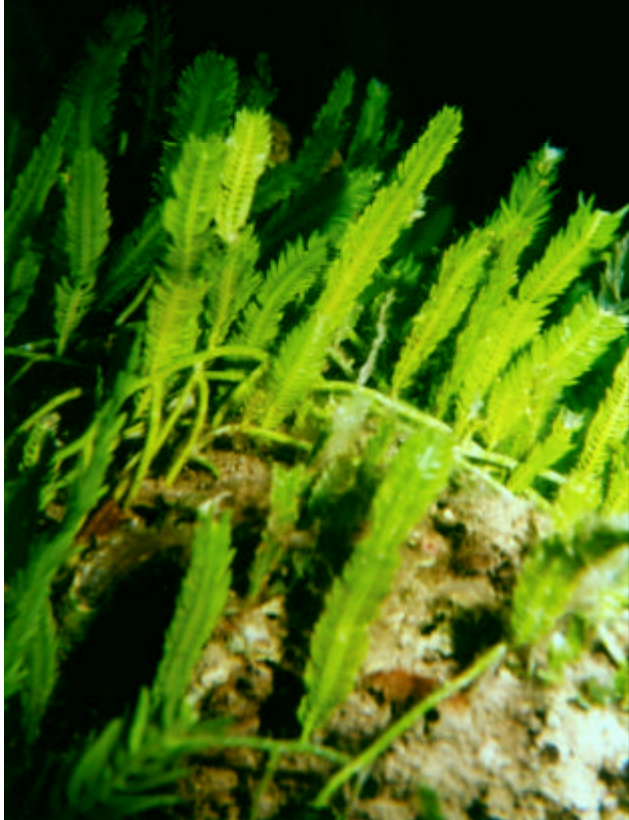
Caulerpa mexicana



Caulerpa racemosa



Caulerpa cupressoides



Caulerpa sertularioides



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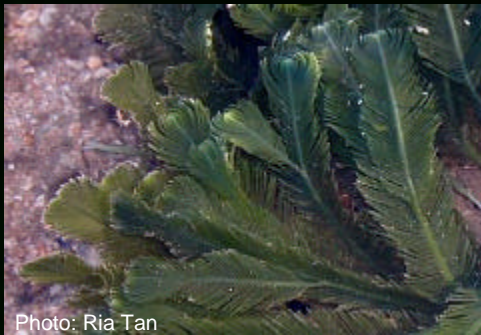


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Caulerpa ashmeadii



Caulerpa floridana

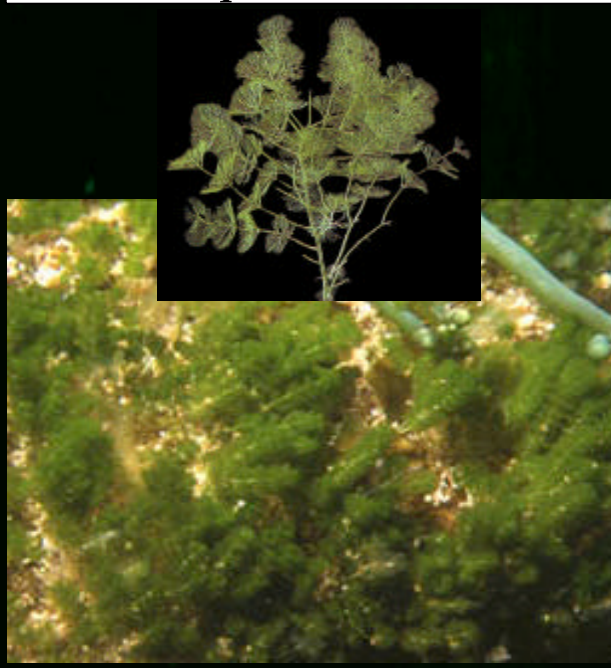


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Caulerpa scalpelliformis



Caulerpa verticillata



Your Help is Needed!

- Never discharge aquariums or release pets/plants into the wild.
- Help spread the word about *Caulerpa*.
- Report observations of *Caulerpa* in the wild or in pet stores.
- If you find *Caulerpa* in the wild:
 - Note as much information as possible (location, depth, bottom type, patch size).
 - Record the location with a GPS and make a map if possible.
 - Carefully collect a small piece and press it flat in newspaper.
 - Take a photo if possible.

REPORT ANY SIGHTINGS TO:

NOAA FISHERIES

(562) 980-4043

or

CALIFORNIA DEPT OF FISH AND GAME

(858) 467-4218

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