



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?

It is an Emergent Invasive in Orange County



BLACK LOCUST

Robinia pseudoacacia

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Distribution map & info:

- calflora.org/cgi-bin/species_query.cgi?where-calrecnum=7156
- cal-ipc.org/ip/management/plant_profiles/Robinia_pseudoacacia.php



Flowers from March to June. Seeds are bean-like, borne in pods.

Seeds, leaves, & bark are toxic to humans and livestock.

Black Locust is a deciduous tree that can grow to 100 ft. tall. Historically planted as a landscape tree, it has escaped cultivation and become invasive.

It spreads by seeding & root sprouts to create large stands that displace native vegetation.



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Black Locust can grow on a wide range of soils, but is best on rich, moist, limestone-derived soils. It does not do well on heavy or poorly drained soils, although it appears to be tolerant of some flooding.



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.