INVASIVES
AT THE BALLONA WETLANDS ECOLOGICAL RESERVE

INVASIVE PLANTS HAVE TAKEN OVER
Invasive iceplant covers 35 acres of the wetlands, equivalent to 26 football fields

WORST WEED INVADERS OF WETLANDS
- Giant Reed
- Euphorbia
- Iceplant
- Crown Daisy
- Mustard
- Castor Bean

Invasive plants not only affect biodiversity and ecosystem functioning, but also human use and enjoyment of wetlands

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
NON-NATIVE PLANTS...
- steal water from natives
- Out-compete & displace native plants
- alter soil chemistry & increase erosion
- reduce native biodiversity & impact wildlife

IT'S GETTING WORSE...
As of 2013, non-native plants are taking over almost 70% of vegetated areas.

Over 25 acres of native alkali weed was replaced by non-natives such as black mustard over the course of 6 years.

This shows that if we do nothing, we are harming the system.

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