



Del Monte Forest Conservancy (DMFC) works closely with the Open Space Advisory Committee to identify and control populations of invasive plants in and around the Forest while working to educate residents.

One of the most visible invasive plants in the forest is Pampas grass (*Cortaderia jubata*). It is tempting to include its beautiful feathery plumes in yards and gardens. But Pampas grass spreads very quickly and is quite difficult to remove once it is established.



*Spanish Bay Pampas Grass Eradication Project (L-R) Eddy and Eleanor Fagin, Bruce Cowan, Unknown, Judy Cowan, Beatrice Howitt - 1976*



*Poison Hemlock*

Maybe you have driven along Del Monte Forest roadways and admired the yellow flowers on French Broom (*Genista monspessulana*). It is pretty but very invasive, and requires a constant battle to keep it under control. When thickets of genista dry in late summer, they spread long-lived seeds in abundance and become an extreme fire hazard.



*Blackwood Acacia*

Other invasive plants you see here in the forest are Blackwood Acacia (*Acacia melanoxylon*), Bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), Cape Ivy (*Delairea odorata*), English Ivy (*Hedera helix*), Gorse (*Ulex europeaus*), Myoporum (*Myoporum laetum*), Poison Hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), Prickly Moses acacia and the Sydney acacia. Another pesky visitor is the panic veldt



*Bull Thistle*



*Panic Veldt Grass*

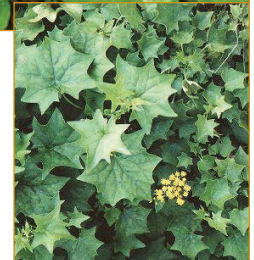
grass (*Ehrharta erecta*), a perennial from South Africa that disperses thousands of seeds year around. It thrives in many habitats, from open sandy slopes and dunes to dense shade under redwoods and Monterey cypress. Panic veldt grass grows unnoticed until it has displaced native ground cover, tree seedlings, and shrubs. It is a real pest in home gardens.



*Prickly Moses*



*English and Cape Ivy*



*Sydney Acacia*

The Del Monte Forest Conservancy employs a certified forester. Together with volunteer naturalists, the Pebble Beach Company, the Monterey Peninsula Country Club, and others, these plants are identified and their growth controlled.



*Myoporum*



*French Broom*



DMFC is dedicated to conserving the coastal Del Monte Forest. With your help by being selective in your landscape planning and keeping a watchful eye for invasive plants in your garden, we will continue to succeed.



*Gorse*