



# Mexican Pokeweed

*(Phytolacca heterotepala)*

The invasive A-rated Mexican Pokeweed has been found growing in San Mateo County. Currently, this pokeweed has been found at and/or near the vicinity of commercially grown cut flowers. Though not new to the Bay Area, this weed can spread rapidly by seed, and it is a possible vector for pokeweed crinkle virus, which can infect sugar beets, chard, spinach, and cucumber.

**ALERT US  
IF YOU  
FIND THIS  
INVASIVE  
WEED!**

**Located:** In riparian areas, oak woodlands, forest edges, fence rows, forest openings, pastures, under power lines, disturbed areas, vineyards, orchards, cultivated fields, parks, and ornamental landscapes.

**Distributed:** Mexican Pokeweed produces multi-seeded fleshy berries that are eaten and dispersed by birds.