

# Tip of the Month

## January *Friend or Foe?*

Green! Luxurious green! After months of gold, brown, and grey, green growth is a feast for the eyes. Which bit of green leaf promises a beautiful flower and which will be a thorn in your side?

### Friend

Whether you've spread seed and are eagerly awaiting spring blooms, or they volunteer without a helping hand, here are a few native plants that you may find germinating in your garden and along the trail. For more photos and information, search [Calscape.org](http://Calscape.org).



Soap plant  
*Chlorogalum pomeridianum*



Hound's tongue  
*Adelina grandis*



Sun cups  
*Taraxia ovata*



Snake root  
*Sanicula crassicaulis*



Lupine  
*Lupinus* spp.



Miner's Lettuce  
*Claytonia perfoliata*



Chinese houses  
*Collinsia heterophylla*



California phacelia (can be perennial)  
*Phacelia californica*



Toyon  
*Heteromeles arbutifolia*

SHRUBS



French Broom  
*Genista monspessulana*

PERENNIALS



Bermuda buttercup  
*Oxalis pes-caprae*

ANNUALS



Italian thistle  
*Carduus pycnocephalus*

### Foe

Make an impact - Join the Conservation Committee's Broom Pull event on Sunday, March 15!



Among the common weeds in town, these are a few of the most aggressive offenders, considered by the California Invasive Plant Council as having substantial to severe impacts on ecological processes.

The Conservation Committee recommends pulling these from your garden as soon as you find them. For more on why these plants are a problem, visit [Cal-ipc.org](http://Cal-ipc.org).