

Cuscuta japonica

JAPANESE DODDER

Japanese Dodder, *Cuscuta japonica*, is a non-native parasitic plant that has the ability to kill most trees and shrubs. The appearance of Japanese Dodder has been described as looking like a twisting, yellow-to-orange strand of spaghetti. Japanese Dodder kills its host plant by robbing it of food and water.

In California, Japanese Dodder reproduces through the dissemination of small fragments of stems. These plant parts can be spread by birds, other animals and by human activities associated with pruning, gardening, composting and, the improper disposal of infested plant materials.



Japanese Dodder grows aggressively, often overgrowing entire plants or trees.

Contra Costa County

Have you seen this vine?

PLEASE CALL TO REPORT:

1-800-491-1899

Or contact your county's Agricultural Commissioner:

Alameda	510-670-5232	Sacramento	Dodder@saccounty.net
Contra Costa	925-646-5250	San Joaquin	209-468-3300
Yuba	530-749-5400	Shasta	530-224-4949
Fresno	559-456-7510	Tulare	559-685-3323
Merced	209-385-7431	Yolo	530-666-8140

The California Department of Food & Agriculture, in cooperation with your local county Agricultural Commissioner, is asking for your help in locating this parasitic vine.

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