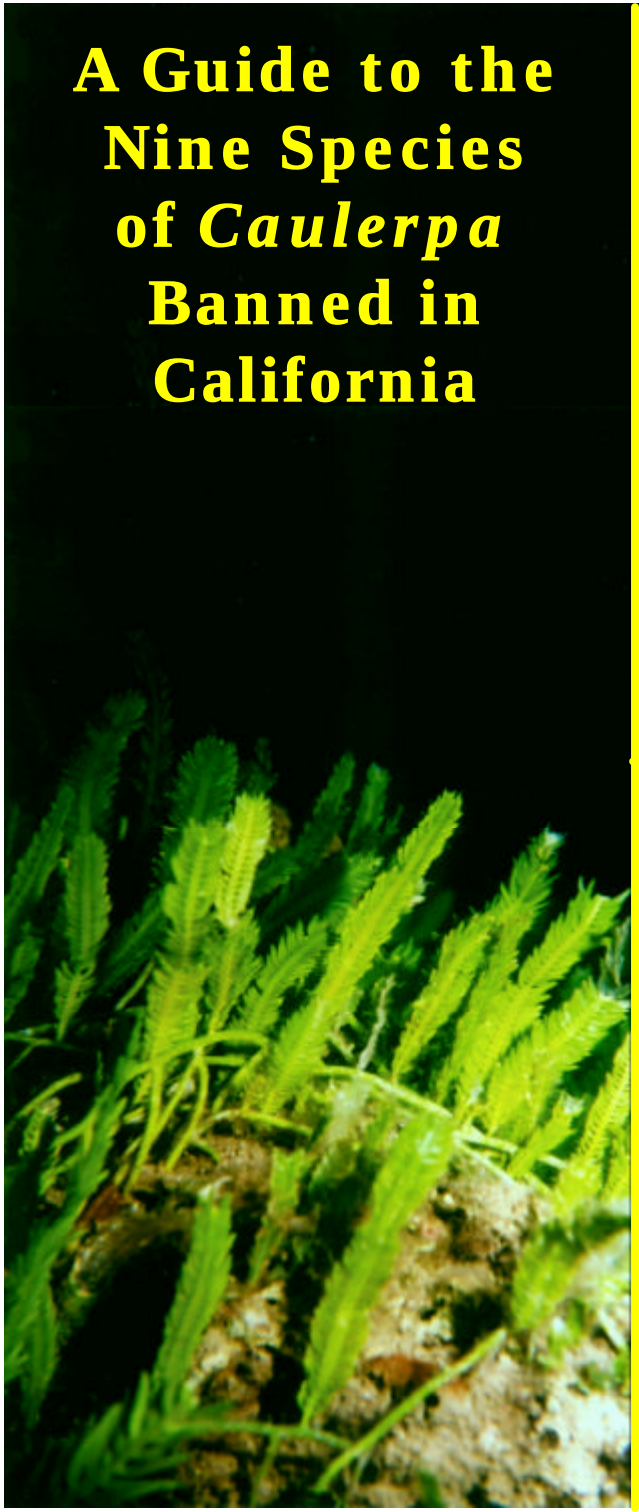
A Guide to the Nine Species of *Caulerpa* Banned in California



Caulerpa taxifolia

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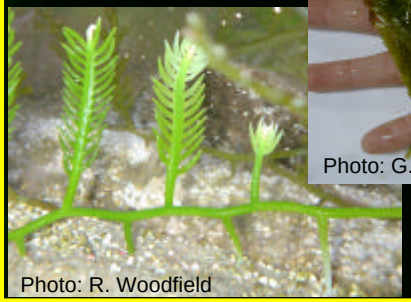

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Caulerpa mexicana

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Caulerpa racemosa

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Caulerpa cupressoides

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Caulerpa sertulariodes

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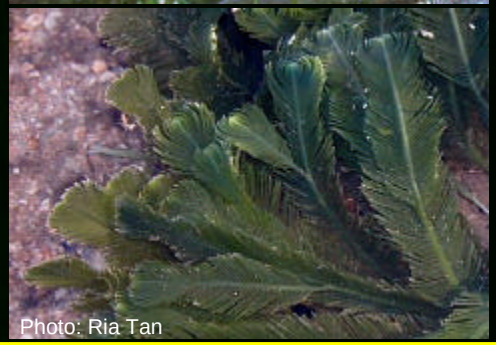

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Caulerpa ashmeadii

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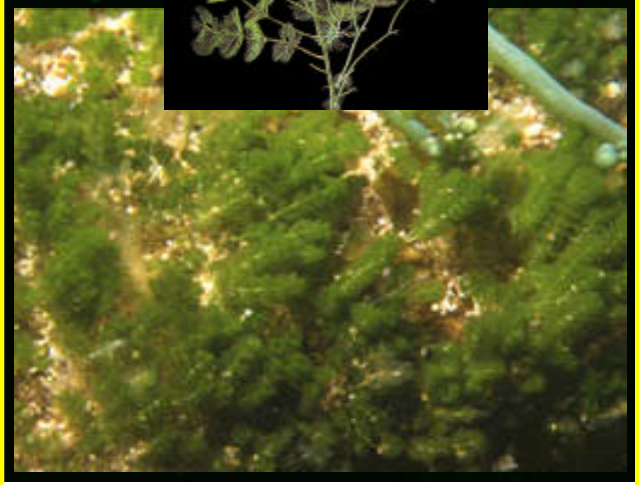
Caulerpa scalpelliformis

Caulerpa verticillata



Your Help is Needed!

- Never discharge aquariums or release pets/plants into the wild.
- Help spread the word about *Caulerpa*.
- Report observations of *Caulerpa* in the wild or in pet stores.
- If you find *Caulerpa* in the wild:
  - Note as much information as possible (location, depth, bottom type, patch size).
  - Record the location with a GPS and make a map if possible.
  - Carefully collect a small piece and press it flat in newspaper.
  - Take a photo if possible.

REPORT ANY SIGHTINGS TO:

NOAA FISHERIES
(562) 980-4043
or
CALIFORNIA DEPT OF FISH AND GAME
(858) 467-4218

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