

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:

(510) 670-5232

ALAMEDA COUNTY AGRICULTURE

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

If you have seen it, please call us at

(510) 670-5232

Our office hours are M-F, 8:30-4:30

or please leave a message after hours.

Thank you for your help.



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