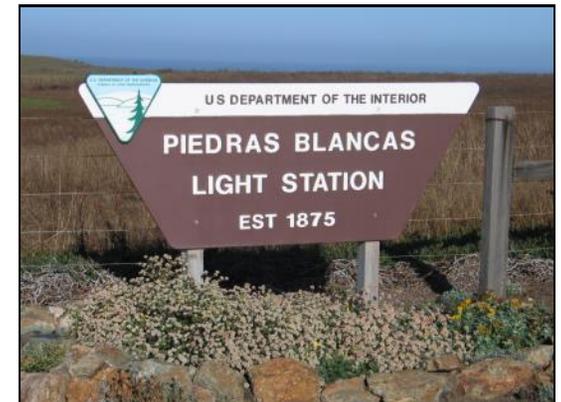


Native Plant Restoration

Piedras Blancas Light Station

“RETURN OF THE NATIVES”

**VOLUNTEERS AT THE BLM'S
PIEDRAS BLANCAS LIGHT STATION
NEAR SAN SIMEON, CALIFORNIA ARE
REMOVING NON-NATIVE PLANT SPECIES
THAT HAVE OVERTAKEN THE SITE,
THEREBY ALLOWING THE NATIVE
PLANTS TO RETURN.**



When the BLM assumed management of the site in 2001, iceplant covered most of the 19 acres.



Iceplant, a native of the coastal areas of South Africa, was introduced around 1940. It quickly spread, choking out native plant species.



In just a few years major progress has been made in removing iceplant. Native plants fill in quickly.

You can help return native plants to Point Piedras Blancas by becoming a BLM volunteer or by contributing to the Piedras Blancas Light Station Association, specifying that your contribution be used toward that goal.



**For more information go to
www.piedrasblancas.gov**

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The “Natives” return to Piedras Blancas

PB volunteers pull iceplant and other non-natives.



Over 60 native plant species are found at Piedras Blancas.



dune buckwheat
Erigonum parvifolium

seaside daisy
Erigeron glaucus



hedge-nettle
Stachys bullata



seaside poppy
Eschscholzia californica
var. *maritima*



Restoring native plants also helps restore the ecosystem.



Birds, butterflies, and insects are seen more often in native plant areas than in non-native plant areas.



The rare species, compact cobweb thistle (*Cirsium occidentale* var. *compactum*), has made a remarkable comeback at Piedras Blancas, from 1 plant in 2001 to over 500 in 2005.



Guest groups help pull iceplant. Community participation has been a key factor in the success of the program.