

MBCA News
Tuesday, February 4, 2014

The invasive mustard is back again this year along our highways and in our neighborhoods. Please attend this critical and timely event to learn from an expert how this can impact the future of our native species, if we fail to take action and "Hold the Mustard".

When: Tuesday February 11, 6:30pm to 8pm

Where: Hi-Desert Nature Museum, Yucca Valley

What: Weeds versus Wildflowers: A Race for Resources

Presenter: Joshua Tree National Park Vegetation Specialist, Josh Hoines

The Morongo Basin Conservation Association invites the public to its annual kickoff event for the Hold the Mustard invasive plant program. Want to know the difference between a weed, an alien plant, an exotic plant and an invasive? Want to know the current threats to wildflowers in the Morongo Basin and Joshua Tree National Park? Join Josh Hoines, who will address invasive species and their threat to biodiversity, the economy, and the direct threats to the park. Invasive species are considered the largest threat to biodiversity, second only to habitat loss. Invasive species and their consequences are estimated to cost the American public \$138 billion each year.

Josh Hoines is a vegetation ecologist with over 14 years of experience working with local, state, and federal partners to protect and preserve habitats and open space. Currently he manages the vegetation programs at Joshua Tree National Park including active botany, restoration, invasive plant, native plant production, and recreation management departments. Previously Josh coordinated interagency habitat restoration across federal boundaries in southern Nevada.

All Basin residents are welcome to attend this free presentation on Tuesday, February 11, from 6:30pm to 8pm at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum, 57116 Twentynine Palms Hwy in Yucca Valley. Light refreshments will be served.

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