## Invasive vegetation species in the Castelldefels/Gavà Dunes

Invasive vegetation is made up of alien species having no predators or competitors and therefore spread uncontrollably, covering the surface of the dunes and shifting and even preventing the growth of native flora.

These invasive plants have been introduced to the dunes in a number of possible ways:

- Intentional Introductions: the introduction of non-indigenous species into the dunes with few controls on reproduction or distribution.
- Vehicular or Human Transportation: seeds carried to the dunes on vehicles or visitors.
- Escaped Ornamental Plants. Many invasive plant problems began as plantings in campsites located next to the dunes.

## **Invasive Plants Identification**



Oenothera biennis



Cortaderia selloana (Pampas Grass)



Carpobrotus Edulis (Hottentot Fig)



Xanthium strumarium (rough cocklebur)



Agave americana