

**Portola Valley Conservation Committee
February Tip of the Month**

Now is the time to make a dent in the population of invasive plants in your garden. After some rain the soil is moist and most weeds can easily be pulled out root and all, especially when they are small.

Here are some photos of seedlings of some of the most prevalent invasive weeds in our area:



Bittercress *Cardamine hirsuta*



French Broom *Genista monspessulana*



Italian Thistle *Carduus pycnocephalus*



Spreading Hedgeparsley *Torilis arvensis*
Large Sock Destroyer, Beggar's Tick



Milk Thistle *Silybum marianum*



Oxalis *Oxalis pes-caprae*

Sour grass or Bermuda buttercup

Pull just as the flowers are beginning to bloom, the bulblets that will be left behind are depleted of energy and not able to regrow.