



# Terra Linda / Sleepy Hollow Divide Habitat Restoration Project



Photo: Tony Morosco

Blue gum eucalyptus

**GOAL:** Remove non-native, invasive blue gum eucalyptus, to reduce fire fuels, as well as to promote native biological diversity and wildlife habitat.

**APPROACH:** Cut and remove eucalyptus trees to thin grove within the mapped area (see map below). Apply herbicide to freshly cut stumps.

## BACKGROUND:

- Once established and without natural competitors, blue gum eucalyptus trees can spread rapidly, increasing fire fuel hazards, displacing native vegetation, and altering historic landscapes.
- Native to Australia, blue gum eucalyptus is by far the most aggressive tree weed in Marin County.
- The bark of the blue gum, which sheds constantly, is a significant wildfire fuel.

## BENEFIT:

The San Rafael Ridge once hosted a healthy community of native plants and animals. Today, this rapidly expanding blue gum eucalyptus forest has altered the native landscape and increased the fire hazard risk in the area. Acting now to prevent the spread of this non-native, invasive weed will reduce the risk of a wildfire, and preserve the native plant communities and dependent wildlife. The species below, among others, would benefit from this project.



*Regulus Satrapa*  
Golden-crowned kinglet



*Dendroica coronata*  
Yellow-rumped warbler



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*Callipepla californica*  
California quail

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