Lupinus polyphyllus

Big-leaved lupine

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General

1. Perennial forb growing to 1.5m

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Coastal western North America
2. Habitats
    - Shores, meadows, wetlands, roadsides, disturbed/ruderal habitats
    - Intolerant of shade

Invasion Pathways

1. Originally cultivated as an ornamental
2. Later introduced for soil improvement (nitrogen fixation) and as fodder for domestic animals and wildlife

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