

Rare Plant Inventory

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Report for Swallenia alexandrae

TAXON DETAILS Classification

Scientific Name Swallenia alexandrae (Swall.) Soderstrom &

Decker

Common Name Eureka Valley dune grass

Family Poaceae

Element Code PMPOA5Y010

USDA Plants Symbol SWAL

Synonyms/Other Names

Conservation Status

California Rare Plant Rank1B.2Global RankG2State RankS2

 CESA
 CR (08/01/81)

 FESA
 3/29/18 (3/29/18)

 Other Status
 SB_CalBG/RSABG

CRPR Changes

 Date Added
 1974-01-01

 Last Update
 2023-05-02

Ecology and Life History

Lifeform perennial rhizomatous herb

Blooming Period Apr-Jun

Elevation m (ft) 850-1280 (2790-4200)

General Habitats Desert dunes

Microhabitat Details

Microhabitat

Threat List Data from the CNDDB

Threat List Total:		1
	Total EOs	Percent EOs
EOs with Threats Listed	1	20%
Threat List:		
ORV activity	1	20%

Element Occurrence Data from the CNDDB

Total Element Occurrences:	5
Element Occurrence Ranks:	
Excellent (A)	5
Good (B)	0
Fair (C)	0
Poor (D)	0
None (X)	0
Unknown (U)	0
Occurrence Status	
Historical, > 20 years	0
Recent, < 20 years	5
Presence	
Presumed Extant	5
Possibly Extirpated	0
Presumed Extirpated	0

Location

California Endemic	Yes
Counties	
Inyo (INY)	
States	
California (CA)	

Quads

East of Joshua Flats (3711727), East of Waucoba Spring (3711717), Last Chance Range SW (3711716)

Notes

Definitions of codes preceding a county and/or quad:

- * Presumed extirpated
- (*) Possibly extirpated

Species may be present in other areas where conditions are favorable. These data should NOT be substituted for pre-project review or for on-site surveys.

Notes

Known only from dunes in Eureka Valley, within Death Valley NP. Habitat previously degraded by vehicle traffic;
populations recovering well, but still threatened by vehicle trespass and recreation. See Journal of the Washington
Academy of Sciences 40(1):19-21 (1950) for original description, Madroño 17(3):88 (1963) for revised nomenclature,
and Biological Conservation 46:217-242 (1988) for population biology.

Th	reats
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Selected References

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