PLANT DETAIL

Classification

Scientific Name  Myosurus minimus L. ssp. apus (Greene) G.R. Campbell
Common Name  little mousetail
Family  Ranunculaceae
Element Code Name  PDRAN0H031
USDA Plants Symbol
Synonyms/Other Names

Conservation Status

California Rare Plant Rank  3.1
Global Rank  G5T2Q
State Rank  S2
CESA  None
FESA  None
Other Status  SB_CRES
CRPR Changes  removed from 3.1 on 2013-02-01
Date Added  1/1/1980
Last Change  5/26/2021

Ecology and Life History

Lifeform  annual herb
Blooming Period  Mar-Jun
Elevation: m (ft)  20-640 (65-2100)
General Habitat  Valley and foothill grassland, Vernal pools (alkaline)

General MicroHabitat
Micro Habitat

Element Occurrence Data from California Natural Diversity Database

Total Element Occurrences  24
Element Occurrence Ranks

Excellent (A)  1
Good (B)  7
Fair (C)  1
Poor (D)  1
None (X)  0
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.

General Notes
Move to List 1B? Reduced by vernal pool habitat loss; threatened by vehicles, grazing, development, and agriculture. Taxonomic problems; distinguishing between this taxon and *M. sessilis* (= *M. minimus* ssp. *apus* var. *sessiliflorus* in *A California Flora* (1959) by P. Munz) is difficult; are both rare? Plants in the Central Valley that resemble this taxon may be hybrids between *M. minimus* and *M. sessilis*; see *Flora of North America* 3:136 and *Evolution* 13:151-174 (1959) for details. See *M. minimus* in *TJM* (1993); not in *TJM 2*. See Bulletin of the California Academy of Sciences 1:277 (1885) for original description, and *Aliso* 2(4):396 (1952) for revised nomenclature.