PLANT DETAIL

Classification

Scientific Name: Phacelia ciliata Benth. var. opaca J.T. Howell
Common Name: Merced phacelia
Family: Hydrophyllaceae
Element Code Name: PDHYD0C0S2
USDA Plants Symbol: PHCIO
Synonyms/Other Names

Conservation Status

California Rare Plant Rank: 3.2
Global Rank: G5TH
State Rank: SH
CESA: None
FESA: None
Other Status
CRPR Changes: changed from 1B.2 to 3.2 on 2013-02-01
changed from 1B.3 to 1B.2 on 2007-02-12
Date Added: 1/1/1980
Last Change: 5/10/2022

Ecology and Life History

Lifeform: annual herb
Blooming Period: Feb-May
Elevation: m (ft) 60-150 (195-490)
General Habitat: Valley and foothill grassland (clay)
General MicroHabitat
Micro Habitat: Alkaline (sometimes)

Element Occurrence Data from California Natural Diversity Database

Total Element Occurrences: 7
Element Occurrence Ranks
Excellent (A): 0
Good (B): 0
Fair (C): 0
Poor (D): 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
Previously on List 1B.2. Taxonomic distinctiveness from *P. ciliata* is uncertain; needs further study. Most occurrences historical; need field surveys. See *P. ciliata* in *TJM* (1993) and *TJM 2*. See *Leaflets of Western Botany* 1:221 (1936) for original description.