### PLANT DETAIL

- **Scientific Name**: *Polygonum polygaloides* Meisn. ssp. *esotericum* (Wheeler) Hickman
- **Common Name**: Modoc County knotweed
- **Family**: Polygonaceae
- **Element Code Name**: PDPGN0L1Y2
- **USDA Plants Symbol**: POPOE
- **Synonyms/Other Names**: *Polygonum esotericum* Wheeler

### Conservation Status
- **California Rare Plant Rank**: 1B.3
- **Global Rank**: G4G5T3
- **State Rank**: S3
- **CESA**: None
- **FESA**: None
- **Other Status**: CRPR Changes
  - Changed from 1B.1 to 1B.3 on 2017-12-13

- **Date Added**: 1/1/1974
- **Last Change**: 5/11/2022

### Ecology and Life History
- **Lifeform**: annual herb
- **Blooming Period**: May-Sep
- **Elevation**: m (ft) 885-1690 (2905-5545)
- **General Habitat**: Great Basin scrub, Lower montane coniferous forest, Meadows and seeps, Vernal pools

- **General MicroHabitat**: Mesic

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**Element Occurrence Data from California Natural Diversity Database**

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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
Possibly threatened by grazing, trampling, road maintenance, and non-native plants. Intermediates to ssp. *conferiflorum* are common, especially on Modoc Plateau to OR. Difficult to distinguish pure stands of ssp. *esotericum* in CA; needs further study. Only occurrences that mostly contain *P. p.* ssp. *esotericum* are included. See *Rhodora* 40(476):310-312 (1938) for original description, and *Madroño*

Distribution

Threats

Taxonomy

Other

References