# PLANT DETAIL

## Classification
- **Scientific Name**: *Astragalus austiniae* A. Gray  
- **Common Name**: Austin's astragalus  
- **Family**: Fabaceae  
- **Element Code Name**: PDFAB0F120  
- **USDA Plants Symbol**: ASAU  
- **Synonyms/Other Names**: None

## Conservation Status
- **California Rare Plant Rank**: 1B.3  
- **Global Rank**: G2G3  
- **State Rank**: S2S3  
- **CESA**: None  
- **FESA**: None  
- **Other Status**: SB_UCSC  
- **CRPR Changes**: changed from CBR to 1B.3 on 2013-12-04  
- **Considered But Rejected on**: 2010-03-15  
- **Date Added**: 12/4/2013  
- **Last Change**: 12/6/2022

## Ecology and Life History
- **Lifeform**: perennial herb  
- **Blooming Period**: (May)Jul-Sep  
- **Elevation: m (ft)**: 2440-2970 (8005-9745)  
- **General Habitat**: Alpine boulder and rock field, Subalpine coniferous forest  
- **General MicroHabitat**: Rocky

## Element Occurrence Data from California Natural Diversity Database
- **Total Element Occurrences**: 13  
- **Element Occurrence Ranks**:  
  - Excellent (A): 0  
  - Good (B): 1  
  - Fair (C): 0  
  - Poor (D): 0
None (X) | 0
Unknown (U) | 12

**Occurrence Status**
- Historical, > 20 years: 5
- Recent, < 20 years: 8

**Presence**
- Presumed Extant: 13
- Possibly Extirpated: 0
- Presumed Extirpated: 0

**Location**
- **CA Endemic**: No

**Counties**
- Alpine (ALP), El Dorado (ELD), Nevada (NEV), Placer (PLA)

**States**
- California (CA), Nevada (NV)

**Quads**
- Carson Pass (3811968), Echo Lake (3812071), Emerald Bay (3812081), Freel Peak (3811978), Granite Chief (3912023), Homewood (3912012), Independence Lake (3912043), Norden (3912033), Rockbound Valley (3812082), South Lake Tahoe (3811988), Tragedy Spring (3812062), Webber Peak (3912044)

**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.

**General Notes**
Previously CBR as being too common; rarer than originally thought. Known in CA only from the Lake Tahoe region. Similar to *A. andersonii*. See *Geological Survey of California, Botany* 1:156 (1876) for original description.

**Distribution**

**Threats**

**Taxonomy**

**Other**

**References**