Report for *Cirsium arizonicum* var. *tenuisectum*

**TAXON DETAILS**

**Classification**

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<td>Common Name</td>
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**Conservation Status**

- California Rare Plant Rank: 1B.2
- Global Rank: G5T2
- State Rank: S2
- CESA: None
- FESA: None
- Other Status: SB_CalBG/RSABG
- CRPR Changes: added to 1B.2 on 2006-12-27
- Date Added: 2006-12-27
- Last Update: 2021-11-05

**Ecology and Life History**

- Lifeform: perennial herb
- Blooming Period: Jun-Nov
- Elevation m (ft): 1500-2800 (4920-9185)
- General Habitats: Joshua tree "woodland", Mojavean desert scrub, Pinyon and juniper woodland
- Microhabitat Details: Disturbed areas, Roadsides (often), Rocky
Threat List Data from the CNDDB

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**Threat List:**

- Other: 1 (12%)
- Recreational use (non-ORV): 1 (12%)

Element Occurrence Data from the CNDDB

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**Occurrence Status**

- Historical, > 20 years: 4
- Recent, < 20 years: 4

**Presence**

- Presumed Extant: 8
- Possibly Extirpated: 0
- Presumed Extirpated: 0

Location

**California Endemic**

No

**Counties**

- San Bernardino (SBD)

**States**

- California (CA), Nevada (NV)

**Quads**

- Clark Mtn. (3511555), Ivanpah (3511533), Pinto Valley (3511523)

**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.
Known in CA only from the New York Mountains of San Bernardino County. The name *Cirsium nidulum* has long been misapplied to this species. May be distinctive enough to be its own taxon and not a variety of *Cirsium arizonicum*. See *SIDA* 21(1): 210 (2004) for original description.

**Threats**

**Taxononmy**

**Selected References**

**CNPS Status Review**: CRPR List Addition on 2006-12-27

**Suggested Citation**