

**CNPS Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants of  
California**

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**PLANT DETAIL**

**Classification**

**Scientific Name** *Cuscuta pacifica* Costea & M. Wright  
var. *papillata* (Yunck.) Costea & M.  
Wright

**Common Name** Mendocino dodder

**Family** Convolvulaceae

**Element Code Name** PDCUS011A2

**USDA Plants Symbol**

**Synonyms/Other Names**

**Conservation Status**

**California Rare Plant Rank** 1B.2

**Global Rank** G5T1

**State Rank** S1

**CESA** None

**FESA** None

**Other Status**

**CRPR Changes** added to 1B.2 on 2011-09-20

**Date Added** 9/20/2011

**Last Change** 5/26/2021

**Ecology and Life History**

**Lifeform** annual vine (parasitic)

**Blooming Period** (Jun)Jul-Oct

**Elevation: m (ft)** 0-50 (0-165)

**General Habitat** Coastal dunes (interdune  
depressions)

**General MicroHabitat**

**Micro Habitat**

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

**Total Element Occurrences** 5

**Element Occurrence Ranks**

Excellent (A) 0

Good (B) 0

Fair (C) 0

Poor (D) 0

None (X) 1

Unknown (U)	4
<b>Occurrence Status</b>	
Historical, > 20 years	4
Recent, < 20 years	1
<b>Presence</b>	
Presumed Extant	4
Possibly Extirpated	1
Presumed Extirpated	0

## Location

**CA Endemic** Yes

### Counties

Mendocino (MEN), San Luis Obispo (SLO), Santa Barbara (SBA), Sonoma (SON)

### States

California (CA)

### Quads

Bodega Head (3812331), Fort Bragg (3912347), Gualala (3812375), Inglenook (3912357), Mendocino (3912337), Pico Creek (3512152), Piedras Blancas (3512163), Point Arena (3812386), Point Conception (3412044)

## 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

Rediscovered at Point Arena in 2011 by R. Korhummel. Many historical occurrences may be extirpated; need field surveys. Possibly threatened by non-native plants and shoreline retreat. Known to occur on *Gnaphalium*, *Silene*, and *Lupinus* spp. in MEN Co.; and on *Polycarpon tetraphyllum* and *Calystegia purpurata* ssp. *saxicola* with *Sanicula arctopoides* nearby in SON Co. Similar to *C. pacifica* var. *pacifica* and *C. salina*. See *C. salina* var. *papillata* in *The Jepson Manual* (1993). Treated as extirpated in *TJM 2*. See *Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club* 69(7):541-543 (1942) for original description and *Systematic Botany* 34(4):787-795 (2009) for taxonomic treatment.

## Distribution

## Threats

## Taxonomy

## Other

## References