PLANT DETAIL

Classification

Scientific Name: *Ephedra torreyana* S. Watson
Common Name: Torrey's Mormon-tea
Family: Ephedraceae
Element Code Name: PGEPH01080
USDA Plants Symbol: EPTO
Synonyms/Other Names:

Conservation Status

California Rare Plant Rank: 2B.1
Global Rank: G5
State Rank: S1
CESA: None
FESA: None
Other Status:
CRPR Changes: changed from 2.1 to 2B.1 on 2013-06-12
added to 2.1 on 2012-02-08
Date Added: 2/8/2012
Last Change: 12/9/2021

Ecology and Life History

Lifeform: perennial evergreen shrub
Blooming Period: May
Elevation: m (ft) 765-810 (2510-2660)
General Habitat: Great Basin scrub
General MicroHabitat: Valley bottoms
Micro Habitat: Silt

Element Occurrence Data from California Natural Diversity Database

Total Element Occurrences: 12
Element Occurrence Ranks
Excellent (A): 0
Good (B): 6
Fair (C): 4
Poor (D): 1
None (X): 0
General Notes
Discovered in CA in 2011; known in CA only from Pahrump Valley. Threatened by solar energy development. Potentially threatened by noxious weeds and vehicles. Similar to E. trifurca (and also to E. funerea when cones are not present). Not in The Jepson Manual (1993) and TJM 2. See Proceedings of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences 14:299-300 (1879) for original description.

Distribution

Threats

Taxonomy

Other

References