

Rare Plant Inventory

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Report for Carex obispoensis

TAXON DETAILS

Classification

Scientific Name	Carex obispoensis Stacey	
Common Name	San Luis Obispo sedge	
Family	Cyperaceae	
Element Code	PMCYP039J0	
USDA Plants Symbol	CAOB2	
Synonyms/Other Names		

Conservation Status

California Rare Plant Rank	1B.2	
Global Rank	G3?	
State Rank	S3?	
CESA	None	
FESA	None	
Other Status	BLM_S; SB_SBBG; USFS_S	
CRPR Changes		
Date Added	1974-01-01	
Last Update	2022-06-08	

Ecology and Life History

Lifeform	perennial cespitose herb
Blooming Period	Apr-Jun
Elevation m (ft)	10-820 (35-2690)
General Habitats	Chaparral, Closed-cone coniferous forest, Coastal prairie, Coastal scrub, Valley and foothill grassland
Microhabitat Details	often on clay soils
Microhabitat	Clay (often), Gabbroic (sometimes), Seeps (often), Serpentine (often)

Threat List Data from the CNDDB

Threat List Total:		12
	Total EOs	Percent EOs
EOs with Threats Listed	11	38%
Threat List:		
Grazing	7	24%
Non-native plant impacts	4	13%
Road/trail construction/maint.	4	13%
Improper burning regime	3	10%
Military operations	3	10%
Mining	3	10%
Feral pigs	3	10%
Erosion/runoff	2	6%
Altered flood/tidal/hydrologic regime	1	3%
Development	1	3%
Wood cutting or brush clearing	1	3%
Recreational use (non-ORV)	1	3%

Element Occurrence Data from the CNDDB

Total Element Occurrences:	29	
Element Occurrence Ranks:		
Excellent (A)	4	
Good (B)	3	
Fair (C)	2	
Poor (D)	0	
None (X)	0	
Unknown (U)	20	
Occurrence Status		
Historical, > 20 years	16	
Recent, < 20 years	13	
Presence		
Presumed Extant	29	
Possibly Extirpated	0	
Presumed Extirpated	0	

Location

California Endemic	Yes

Counties

Monterey (MNT), San Diego (SDG), San Luis Obispo (SLO)

States

California (CA)

Quads

Alpine (3211677), Atascadero (3512046), Big Sur (3612137), Burnett Peak (3512172), Cambria (3512151), Cape San Martin (3512184), Dulzura (3211667), Lopez Mtn. (3512035), Lopez Point (3612115), Morro Bay South (3512037), Pebblestone Shut-in (3512161), Piedras Blancas (3512163), Pismo Beach (3512026), San Luis Obispo (3512036), San Simeon (3512162), Santa Margarita Lake (3512034)

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.

Notes

Threatened by grazing, non-native plants, military activities, and mining. Possibly threatened by recreational activities.

Threats

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Selected References

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