

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

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**PLANT DETAIL**

**Classification**

|                             |                                       |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Scientific Name</b>      | <i>Carex xerophila</i> Janeway & Zika |
| <b>Common Name</b>          | chaparral sedge                       |
| <b>Family</b>               | Cyperaceae                            |
| <b>Element Code Name</b>    | PMCYP03M60                            |
| <b>USDA Plants Symbol</b>   | CAXE2                                 |
| <b>Synonyms/Other Names</b> |                                       |

**Conservation Status**

|                                   |                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>California Rare Plant Rank</b> | 1B.2                        |
| <b>Global Rank</b>                | G2                          |
| <b>State Rank</b>                 | S2                          |
| <b>CESA</b>                       | None                        |
| <b>FESA</b>                       | None                        |
| <b>Other Status</b>               | BLM_S                       |
| <b>CRPR Changes</b>               | added to 1B.2 on 2016-06-06 |
| <b>Date Added</b>                 | 6/6/2016                    |
| <b>Last Change</b>                | 10/4/2021                   |

**Ecology and Life History**

|                             |                                                                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Lifeform</b>             | perennial herb                                                     |
| <b>Blooming Period</b>      | Mar-Jun                                                            |
| <b>Elevation: m (ft)</b>    | 440-770 (1445-2525)                                                |
| <b>General Habitat</b>      | Chaparral, Cismontane woodland,<br>Lower montane coniferous forest |
| <b>General MicroHabitat</b> |                                                                    |
| <b>Micro Habitat</b>        | Gabbroic, Serpentinite                                             |

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

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| <b>Total Element Occurrences</b> | 15 |
| <b>Element Occurrence Ranks</b>  |    |
| Excellent (A)                    | 3  |
| Good (B)                         | 4  |
| Fair (C)                         | 0  |
| Poor (D)                         | 0  |
| None (X)                         | 0  |
| Unknown (U)                      | 8  |

**Occurrence Status**

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Historical, > 20 years | 1  |
| Recent, < 20 years     | 14 |

**Presence**

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Presumed Extant     | 15 |
| Possibly Extirpated | 0  |
| Presumed Extirpated | 0  |

**Location**

**CA Endemic** Yes

**Counties**

Butte (BUT), El Dorado (ELD), Nevada (NEV), Yuba (YUB)

**States**

California (CA)

**Quads**

Challenge (3912142), Grass Valley (3912121), Paradise East (3912175), Pilot Hill (3812171), Rackerby (3912143), Rough And Ready (3912122), Shingle Springs (3812068)

**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**

Threatened by development, urbanization, alteration of fire regimes, recreational activities, and non-native plants. Similar to *C. brainerdii* and *C. globosa*. See *Madroño* 61(3):299-307 (2014) for original description.

**Distribution****Threats****Taxonomy****Other****References**