

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

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PLANT DETAIL

Classification

Scientific Name	<i>Cirsium andrewsii</i> (Gray) Jeps.
Common Name	Franciscan thistle
Family	Asteraceae
Element Code Name	PDAST2E050
USDA Plants Symbol	CIAN2
Synonyms/Other Names	

Conservation Status

California Rare Plant Rank	1B.2
Global Rank	G3
State Rank	S3
CESA	None
FESA	None
Other Status	
CRPR Changes	
Date Added	1/1/1974
Last Change	11/5/2021

Ecology and Life History

Lifeform	perennial herb
Blooming Period	Mar-Jul
Elevation: m (ft)	0-150 (0-490)
General Habitat	Broadleafed upland forest, Coastal bluff scrub, Coastal prairie, Coastal scrub
General MicroHabitat	
Micro Habitat	Mesic, Serpentinite (sometimes)

Element Occurrence Data from California Natural Diversity Database

Total Element Occurrences	31
Element Occurrence Ranks	
Excellent (A)	3
Good (B)	11
Fair (C)	3
Poor (D)	0
None (X)	3

Unknown (U)	11
Occurrence Status	
Historical, > 20 years	23
Recent, < 20 years	8
Presence	
Presumed Extant	28
Possibly Extirpated	3
Presumed Extirpated	0

Location

CA Endemic Yes

Counties

Contra Costa (CCA), Marin (MRN), San Francisco (SFO), San Mateo (SMT), Sonoma (SON)(?)

States

California (CA)

Quads

Ano Nuevo (3712213), Bodega Head (3812331)(?), Briones Valley (3712282), Drakes Bay (3812218), Franklin Point (3712223)*, Inverness (3812217), Montara Mountain (3712254), Point Bonita (3712275), Point Reyes NE (3812227), San Francisco North (3712274), San Francisco South (3712264), Tomales (3812228), Valley Ford (3812238)

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 and non-native plants. See *Proceedings of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences* 10:45 (1874) for original description, and *A Flora of Western Middle California* , p. 506 (1901) by W. L. Jepson for revised nomenclature.

Distribution

Threats

Taxonomy

Other

References