

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

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**PLANT DETAIL**

**Classification**

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<i>Cirsium fontinale</i> (Greene) Jeps. var. <i>fontinale</i>
<b>Common Name</b>	fountain thistle
<b>Family</b>	Asteraceae
<b>Element Code Name</b>	PDAST2E161
<b>USDA Plants Symbol</b>	CIFO
<b>Synonyms/Other Names</b>	

**Conservation Status**

<b>California Rare Plant Rank</b>	1B.1
<b>Global Rank</b>	G2T1
<b>State Rank</b>	S1
<b>CESA</b>	CE (07/01/79)
<b>FESA</b>	FE (02/03/95)
<b>Other Status</b>	SB_CaIBG/RSABG
<b>CRPR Changes</b>	
<b>Date Added</b>	1/1/1974
<b>Last Change</b>	11/5/2021

**Ecology and Life History**

<b>Lifeform</b>	perennial herb
<b>Blooming Period</b>	(Apr)May-Oct
<b>Elevation: m (ft)</b>	45-175 (150-575)
<b>General Habitat</b>	Chaparral (openings), Cismontane woodland, Meadows and seeps, Valley and foothill grassland
<b>General MicroHabitat</b>	
<b>Micro Habitat</b>	Seeps, Serpentine

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

<b>Total Element Occurrences</b>	5
<b>Element Occurrence Ranks</b>	
Excellent (A)	0
Good (B)	1
Fair (C)	3
Poor (D)	0
None (X)	1

Unknown (U)	0
<b>Occurrence Status</b>	
Historical, > 20 years	2
Recent, < 20 years	3
<b>Presence</b>	
Presumed Extant	4
Possibly Extirpated	1
Presumed Extirpated	0

## Location

**CA Endemic** Yes

### Counties

San Mateo (SMT)

### States

California (CA)

### Quads

Palo Alto (3712242), San Mateo (3712253), Woodside (3712243)

### 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

Seriously threatened by urbanization, foot traffic, dumping, road maintenance, non-native plants, and hydrological alterations. See *Bulletin of the California Academy of Sciences* 2:151-152 (1886) for original description.

## Distribution

## Threats

## Taxonomy

## Other

## References