

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

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PLANT DETAIL

Classification

Scientific Name	<i>Sphenopholis interrupta</i> (Buckley) Scribn. ssp. <i>californica</i> (Vasey) Scribn.
Common Name	prairie false oat
Family	Poaceae
Element Code Name	PMPOA69071
USDA Plants Symbol	
Synonyms/Other Names	

Conservation Status

California Rare Plant Rank	1B.1
Global Rank	G1
State Rank	S1
CESA	None
FESA	None
Other Status	
CRPR Changes	added to 1B.1 on 2020-09-03
Date Added	9/3/2020
Last Change	7/14/2021

Ecology and Life History

Lifeform	annual herb
Blooming Period	Apr
Elevation: m (ft)	15-15 (50-50)
General Habitat	Chaparral (coastal)
General MicroHabitat	
Micro Habitat	Clay

Element Occurrence Data from California Natural Diversity Database

Total Element Occurrences	1
Element Occurrence Ranks	
Excellent (A)	0
Good (B)	0
Fair (C)	0
Poor (D)	0
None (X)	0
Unknown (U)	1

Occurrence Status

Historical, > 20 years	0
Recent, < 20 years	1

Presence

Presumed Extant	1
Possibly Extirpated	0
Presumed Extirpated	0

Location

CA Endemic No

Counties

San Diego (SDG)

States

California (CA)

Quads

San Luis Rey (3311723)

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

Discovered in CA in 2020 by M. Mulligan and J. Vinje; formerly thought to be a presumed extinct endemic to Baja CA, Mexico, where last seen in 1886. Threatened by non-native plants, development, and urbanization. See USDA Division of Botany, Bulletin 13(1): 46 (1892) for original description, and Rhodora 8(92):146 (1906) for revised nomenclature.

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