Classification

Scientific Name: *Silene bolanderi* A. Gray
Common Name: Bolander's catchfly
Family: Caryophyllaceae
Element Code Name: PDCAR0U2L0
USDA Plants Symbol: 
Synonyms/Other Names: 

Conservation Status

California Rare Plant Rank: 1B.2
Global Rank: G2
State Rank: S2
CESA: None
FESA: None
Other Status: 
CRPR Changes: added to 1B.2 on 2021-07-30
Date Added: 7/30/2021
Last Change: 4/5/2022

Ecology and Life History

Lifeform: perennial herb
Blooming Period: May-Jun
Elevation: m (ft) 420-1150 (1380-3775)
General Habitat: Chaparral (edges), Cismontane woodland, Lower montane coniferous forest, Meadows and seeps, North Coast coniferous forest
General MicroHabitat: Usually grassy openings, sometimes dry rocky slopes, canyons, or roadsides
Micro Habitat: Openings (usually), Roadsides (sometimes), Rocky (sometimes), Serpentine (sometimes)

Element Occurrence Data from California Natural Diversity Database

Total Element Occurrences: 30
Element Occurrence Ranks
Excellent (A): 0
Good (B): 0
Potential threats include agricultural conversion, road construction and maintenance, grazing and trampling by livestock, and severe wildfires.

**Taxonomy**

Similar to *S. hookeri*, *S. nelsonii*, and *S. salmonacea*; differentiated by its funnelform corolla (salverform in *S. hookeri*), usually pink petals with linear corona appendages >1 mm long (white...
petals with appendages lacking or <1 mm long in *S. nelsonii*), glabrous petal base margin (sparsely to densely ciliate in *S. nelsonii*), and radial androecium symmetry (bilateral in *S. hookeri*).

**Other**
Potentially threatened by agricultural conversion, road construction and maintenance, grazing and trampling by livestock, and severe wildfires.

**References**