

Rare Plant Status Review

Proposed Deletion of *Arctostaphylos peninsularis* ssp. *peninsularis*

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Background

Arctostaphylos peninsularis ssp. *peninsularis* is currently on List 2.3 of the CNPS Inventory. CNDDDB currently tracks two occurrences of *A. peninsularis* ssp. *peninsularis*, one from Riverside and from San Diego County. In *Madroño* 55 (2):148-155 (2007) Parker et al. state that *A. peninsularis* will not be included in their treatment of *Arctostaphylos* in the *Jepson Manual*, Second Edition. Jon Keeley (pers. comm. 2009) states that *A. peninsularis* does not occur in California, and should be removed from the CNPS Inventory. *A. peninsularis*, as currently defined, is restricted to Baja California. Many occurrences once called *A. peninsularis* ssp. *peninsularis* in Riverside and San Diego Counties are now considered to be *A. rainbowensis*, which is currently on List 1B.1 of the CNPS Inventory. Additionally, plants once considered to be *A. peninsularis* ssp. *peninsularis* from the Santa Rosa Mountains are not *A. peninsularis* ssp. *peninsularis* or *A. rainbowensis* (plants at these locations are likely *A. parryana*).

Consequently, CNPS and CNDDDB recommend that *A. peninsularis* ssp. *peninsularis* be deleted from List 2.3 of the CNPS Inventory.

Recommended Actions

CNPS: Delete *Arctostaphylos peninsularis* ssp. *peninsularis* from CNPS List 2.3

CNDDDB: Delete *Arctostaphylos peninsularis* ssp. *peninsularis* from CNDDDB, G2?T2?/S2?

The current CNPS Inventory record is below. Please respond Yes or No on the proposal to Delete this species from the CNPS Inventory and CNDDDB, and provide any edits/comments on the proposed change.

Current CNPS Inventory Record

Arctostaphylos peninsularis Wells ssp. *peninsularis*

Peninsular manzanita

Ericaceae

List 2.3

Riverside (RIV)?, San Diego (SDG), Baja California (BA)

Sombrero Peak (019D) 3211673, Toro Peak (065C)? 3311654

Chaparral (Chprl); elevation 1000 - 2500 meters

Evergreen shrub, blooms April-May

Plants from northwestern SDG Co. and adjacent RIV Co. formerly considered this taxon are *A. rainbowensis*. Plants from Santa Rosa Mtns. (65C) may be more closely aligned with *A. parryana*. Not in *The Jepson Manual*. See *Madroño*

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Deleted from CNPS List 2.3 on 2009-05-01

21(5):268 (1972) for original description and 39(4):285-287 (1992) for taxonomic treatment.