Rare Plant Status Review: *Erigeron oxyphyllus*
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Background

*Erigeron oxyphyllus* is a perennial herb previously known from Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. DeGroot published the first two California occurrences of *Erigeron oxyphyllus* as a Noteworthy Collection in *Madroñó* 52(2):126 (2005). The two California occurrences are located in the Whipple Mountains in San Bernardino County. DeGroot describes the occurrences as located on north-facing slopes with boulders and loose rocks. Associated species reported in the article include *Pleuraphis rigid-a, Teucrium glandulosum, Cymopterus panamintensis* var. *acutifolius,* and *Matelea parviflora.* The California occurrences occur in habitat characteristic of occurrences in Arizona, where the species inhabits dry rocky slopes in southern and western Arizona. There are no immediate threats known to its survival in California because it occurs in remote, infrequently visited areas. As *Erigeron oxyphyllus* is known from only two California occurrences, this species requires review for inclusion in both the CNPS Inventory and the CNDDB.

Recommended Actions

CNPS: Add to CNPS List 2.3
CNDDB: Add to CNDDB as G2G4 / S1.3

Please review the draft CNPS Inventory record below, respond Yes or No on the proposal to add this species to the Inventory and CNDB, and provide any edits/comments. If responding No, please provide supporting information.

Draft CNPS Inventory Record

*Erigeron oxyphyllus* Greene  
“Asteraceae
Perennial herb, blooms May

San Bernardino, Arizona, Sonora (Mexico)  
121C [Whipple Mountains SW/34114C4], 121D[Whipple Wash/34114C3]  
Sonoran desert scrub / rocky, often in washes; elevation 646-790 meters.