

Placed on CBR on 11/05/08**Rare Plant Status Review****Deletion of *Phacelia cinerea***

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Background

Phacelia cinerea is currently on List 1A (plants presumed extinct in California) of the CNPS Inventory. *The Jepson Manual* (1993) treats *P. cinerea* as a synonym of *P. distans*. *P. cinerea* is known solely from the type collection on San Nicolas Island in 1901. Steve Junak (pers. comm. 2008) states that, "In the *Flora of San Nicolas Island* (just completed this year) I treated *P. cinerea* as a synonym of *P. distans* as well. I just could not distinguish the type specimen of *P. cinerea* from *P. distans*." Additionally, *The Jepson Manual* (2nd edition) will continue to treat *P. cinerea* as a synonym of *P. distans* (M. Wetherwax pers. comm. 2007). *P. distans* is a common taxon with more than 2000 specimens deposited in California Herbaria.

Consequently, CNPS and CNDDDB recommend that *P. cinerea* be deleted from List 1A of the CNPS Inventory.

Recommended Actions

CNPS: Delete *Phacelia cinerea* from CNPS List 1A

CNDDDB: Delete *Phacelia cinerea* from CNDDDB, GXQ/SX

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

Current CNPS Inventory Record

Phacelia cinerea Eastw.

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Hydrophyllaceae

List 1A

San Nicolas Island

San Nicolas Island (SNIC)*

Meadows and seeps (Medws) (mesic); elevation unknown.

Perennial herb, blooms March-April

Known only from the type collection (in 1901). Rediscovery attempt in 1977 and others since 1983 have been unsuccessful. See *P. distans* in *The Jepson Manual*. See *Contributions from the Gray Herbarium* 49:26 (1917) for original description.