

Rare Plant Status Review: *Sisyrinchium hitchcockii*

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Sisyrinchium hitchcockii was omitted by oversight from the *The Jepson Manual*. It is known in California from a single collection near Cape Ridge in Humboldt County. This “*S. bellum*” specimen was identified and annotated as *S. hitchcockii* prior to the preparation of the FNA treatment for the genus. The specimen was collected by Tracy in 1938 and annotated by Cholewa. This species also occurs in Oregon, where it is considered threatened by the Oregon Natural Heritage Program.

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

Recommended Actions

CNPS: Add to CNPS List 1B

CNDDDB: Add to CNDDDB as G1 / S1.1

Draft CNPS *Inventory* record:

Sisyrinchium hitchcockii D.M. Hend.

“Hitchcock’s blue-eyed grass”

Iridaceae

List 1B / RED 3-3-2

Humboldt, Oregon

637A

Cismontane woodland (openings), valley and foothill grassland; elevation 305 meters.

Perennial herb (rhizomatous), blooms June

Known in CA from only one occurrence near Cape Ridge. Needs field surveys. Threatened in OR. Sympatric with *S. bellum*. Distinguishing features include lack of yellow tepal bases, extensive rhizomes and generally larger flowers. Not in *The Jepson Manual*. See *Brittonia* 28:170 (1976) for original description.