

Rare Plant Status Review: *Taraxacum ceratophorum*

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Background

Taraxacum ceratophorum is known in California from only a single voucher specimen, which was recently annotated by Luc Brouillet (Flora North America author). This taxon has been treated as a variety of the common dandelion *T. officinale* but according to Brouillet and Baldwin's examinations of the specimen, it is definitely distinct and should be recognized as *T. ceratophorum*. This species was collected by Victor Duran in 1926 from Mono County near Cottonwood Creek in the White Mountains (9500'). The specimen label info can be viewed here:

http://www.mip.berkeley.edu:8080/servlet/SmaschAccessionDetail?accession_id=UC1297657

Recommended Actions

CNPS: Add to CNPS List 2 / RED 3-1-1

CNDDDB: Add to CNDDDB as G5 / 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 CNDDDB, and provide any edits/comments.

Draft CNPS *Inventory* record:

Taraxacum ceratophorum (Lebed.) DC.

"horned dandelion"

Asteraceae

List 2 / RED 3-1-1

Mono, NV, OR, ++

431C

Meadows, valley and foothill grassland (mesic); elevation 2895 meters.

Annual herb, blooms June-July.

Known in CA from only one occurrence in the White Mountains. Not in *The Jepson Manual*. See *Madroño* 5:247-248 (1940) for alternate nomenclature.

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