

Report for *Opuntia wigginsii*

TAXON DETAILS

Classification

Scientific Name	<i>Opuntia wigginsii</i> L. Benson
Common Name	Wiggins' cholla
Family	Cactaceae
Element Code	PDCAC0D1P0
USDA Plants Symbol	
Synonyms/Other Names	

Conservation Status

California Rare Plant Rank	3.3
Global Rank	G3?Q
State Rank	S1?
CESA	None
FESA	None
Other Status	
CRPR Changes	
Date Added	1974-01-01
Last Update	2021-05-26

Ecology and Life History

Lifeform	perennial stem
Blooming Period	Mar
Elevation m (ft)	30-885 (100-2905)
General Habitats	Sonoran desert scrub (sandy)
Microhabitat Details	
Microhabitat	

Threat List Data from the CNDDDB

Threat List Total:		1
	Total EOs	Percent EOs
EOs with Threats Listed	1	17%
Threat List:		
Road/trail construction/maint.	1	16%

Element Occurrence Data from the CNDDDB

Total Element Occurrences:	6
Element Occurrence Ranks:	
Excellent (A)	1
Good (B)	0
Fair (C)	0
Poor (D)	0
None (X)	0
Unknown (U)	5
Occurrence Status	
Historical, > 20 years	6
Recent, < 20 years	0
Presence	
Presumed Extant	6
Possibly Extirpated	0
Presumed Extirpated	0

Location

California Endemic	No
Counties	
Imperial (IMP), San Bernardino (SBD), San Diego (SDG)	
States	
Arizona (AZ), California (CA)	
Quads	
Agua Caliente Springs (3211683), Arroyo Tapiado (3211682), Cibola (3311436), Earthquake Valley (3311614), Harpers Well (3311518), Palo Verde (3311446), Savahia Peak (3411435)	

Notes

Definitions of codes preceding a county and/or quad:

* Presumed extirpated

(*) Possibly extirpated

Species may be present in other areas where conditions are favorable. These data should NOT be substituted for pre-project review or for on-site surveys.

Notes

Apparently a sporadic hybrid between *Cylindropuntia ramosissima* and *C. echinocarpa*; needs further study. See *Opuntia ramosissima* in *TJM* (1993), and *Cylindropuntia echinocarpa* in *TJM* 2.

Threats

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Selected References

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