

# Rare Plant Inventory

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# Report for Polygonum polygaloides ssp. esotericum

#### TAXON DETAILS



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## Classification

Polygonum polygaloides Meisn. ssp. esotericum (Wheeler) Hickman **Scientific Name** 

**Common Name** Modoc County knotweed

**Family** Polygonaceae PDPGN0L1Y2 **Element Code** 

**USDA Plants Symbol POPOE** 

Synonyms/Other Names Polygonum esotericum Wheeler

# **Conservation Status**

California Rare Plant Rank 1B.3 **Global Rank** G4G5T3 State Rank S3 **CESA** None **FESA** None

**Other Status** BLM\_S; SB\_UCSC

**CRPR Changes** changed from 1B.1 to 1B.3 on 2017-12-13

**Date Added** 1974-01-01 **Last Update** 2022-12-06

# **Ecology and Life History**

Lifeform annual herb **Blooming Period** May-Sep

Elevation m (ft) 885-1690 (2905-5545)

**General Habitats** Great Basin scrub, Lower montane

coniferous forest, Meadows and seeps,

Vernal pools

Microhabitat Details

Microhabitat Mesic

### Threat List Data from the CNDDB

Threat List Total:		7
	Total EOs	Percent EOs
EOs with Threats Listed	9	20%
Threat List:		
Grazing	6	13%
Non-native animal impacts	3	6%
Foot traffic/trampling	2	4%
Mining	1	2%
Non-native plant impacts	1	2%
Other	1	2%
Road/trail construction/maint.	1	2%

# **Element Occurrence Data from the CNDDB**

Total Element Occurrences:	45
Element Occurrence Ranks:	
Excellent (A)	5
Good (B)	10
Fair (C)	2
Poor (D)	0
None (X)	0
Unknown (U)	28
Occurrence Status	
Historical, > 20 years	41
Recent, < 20 years	4
Presence	
Presumed Extant	45
Possibly Extirpated	0
Presumed Extirpated	0

## Location

California Endemic	No

#### Counties

Modoc (MOD), Plumas (PLU), Shasta (SHA), Sierra (SIE)

#### States

California (CA), Oregon (OR)

#### Quads

Barrel Springs (4111988), Crooks Meadow (4111978), Ambrose (4112058), Antelope Valley (3912063), Beaver Mtn. (4112086), Boles Meadows East (4112067), Boles Meadows West (4112068), Burney Falls (4112116), Calpine (3912064), Crank Mountain (4112142), Davis Creek (4112063), Jacks Butte (4112057), Knobcone Butte (4112151), Lake Annie (4112081), Larkspur Hills (4112071), Lookout (4112122), McGinty Reservoir (4112075), Mt. Bidwell (4112082), Pease Flat (4112085), Reconnaissance Peak (3912073), Rimrock Lake (4112162), South Mtn. (4112076), Spaulding Butte (4112152), Washington Mtn. (4112048), Whitehorse (4112134), Whittemore Ridge (4112066)

#### **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**

Possibly threatened by grazing, trampling, road maintenance, and non-native plants. Intermediates to ssp. *confertiflorum* are common, especially on Modoc Plateau to OR. Difficult to distinguish pure stands of ssp. *esotericum* in CA; needs further study. Only occurrences that mostly contain *P. p.* ssp. *esotericum* are included. See *Rhodora* 40(476):310-312 (1938) for original description, and *Madroño* 31(4):251 (1984) for revised nomenclature.

# **Threats**

# **Taxononmy**

# **Selected References**

CNPS Status Review: CRPR List Change on 2017-12-13

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