

# Report for Xylorhiza cognata

# Classification

Scientific Name	<i>Xylorhiza cognata</i> (Hall) T.J. Watson	
Common Name	Mecca-aster	
Family	Asteraceae	
Element Code	PDASTA1010	
USDA Plants Symbol	XYCO2	
Synonyms/Other Names	Machaeranthera cognata	

# **Conservation Status**

California Rare Plant Rank	1B.2
Global Rank	G2
State Rank	S2
CESA	None
FESA	None
Other Status	BLM_S; SB_CalBG/RSABG
CRPR Changes	
Date Added	1980-01-01
Last Update	2021-05-26

# **Ecology and Life History**

Lifeform	perennial herb
Blooming Period	Jan-Jun
Elevation m (ft)	20-400 (65-1310)
General Habitats	Sonoran desert scrub
Microhabitat Details	
Microhabitat	

# **TAXON DETAILS**

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# Threat List Data from the CNDDB

Threat List Total:		8
	Total EOs	Percent EOs
EOs with Threats Listed	25	69%
Threat List:		
ORV activity	19	52%
Road/trail construction/maint.	4	11%
Erosion/runoff	3	8%
Vandalism/dumping/litter	2	5%
Development	2	5%
Recreational use (non-ORV)	2	5%
Mining	1	2%
Other	1	2%

# **Element Occurrence Data from the CNDDB**

Total Element Occurrences:	36
Element Occurrence Ranks:	
Excellent (A)	0
Good (B)	6
Fair (C)	11
Poor (D)	0
None (X)	0
Unknown (U)	19
Occurrence Status	
Historical, > 20 years	6
Recent, < 20 years	30
Presence	
Presumed Extant	36
Possibly Extirpated	0
Presumed Extirpated	0

### Location

California Endemic	Yes

#### Counties

Riverside (RIV)

#### States

California (CA)

### Quads

Mecca (3311651), Mortmar (3311558), Myoma (3311673), Palm Springs (3311675), Thermal Canyon (3311661), West Berdoo Canyon (3311672)

#### 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

Known mostly from Indio Hills and Mecca Hills. Threatened by vehicles. Potentially threatened by development. Possibly threatened by recreational activities and vehicles. See *Brittonia* 29:199-216 (1977) for revised nomenclature and description.

# Threats

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# **Selected References**

# **Suggested Citation**

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