

Report for *Opuntia fragilis*

TAXON DETAILS



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Classification

Scientific Name	<i>Opuntia fragilis</i> (Nutt.) Haw.
Common Name	brittle prickly-pear
Family	Cactaceae
Element Code	PDCAC0D0H0
USDA Plants Symbol	<u>OPFR</u>
Synonyms/Other Names	

Conservation Status

California Rare Plant Rank	2B.1
Global Rank	G5
State Rank	S1
CESA	None
FESA	None
Other Status	IUCN_LC
CRPR Changes	changed from 2.1 to 2B.1 on 2013-06-12
Date Added	1994-01-01
Last Update	2021-07-14

Ecology and Life History

Lifeform	perennial stem
Blooming Period	Apr-Jul
Elevation m (ft)	820-880 (2690-2885)
General Habitats	Pinyon and juniper woodland (volcanic)
Microhabitat Details	
Microhabitat	

Threat List Data from the CNDDDB

Threat List Total:		2
	Total EOs	Percent EOs
EOs with Threats Listed	1	50%
Threat List:		
Grazing	1	50%
Recreational use (non-ORV)	1	50%

Element Occurrence Data from the CNDDDB

Total Element Occurrences:	2
Element Occurrence Ranks:	
Excellent (A)	0
Good (B)	0
Fair (C)	0
Poor (D)	1
None (X)	0
Unknown (U)	1
Occurrence Status	
Historical, > 20 years	0
Recent, < 20 years	2
Presence	
Presumed Extant	2
Possibly Extirpated	0
Presumed Extirpated	0

Location

California Endemic	No
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Counties

Siskiyou (SIS)

States

Arizona (AZ), California (CA), Colorado (CO), Idaho (ID), Illinois (IL), Iowa (IA), Kansas (KS), Michigan (MI), Minnesota (MN), Montana (MT), Nebraska (NE), Nevada (NV), New Mexico (NM), North Dakota (ND), Oklahoma (OK), Oregon (OR), South Dakota (SD), Texas (TX), Utah (UT), Washington (WA), Wisconsin (WI), Wyoming (WY)

Quads

Lake Shastina (4112254), Little Shasta (4112264)
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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 in CA only from Owl's Head in the Shasta Valley. Probably reduced by grazing.

Threats

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Selected References

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