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## 1 Introduction

Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA), a unit of the California Department of Parks and Recreation, is a 5,000-acre off-highway recreation area open primarily to motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). It is located in southeast Alameda and southwest San Joaquin Counties and is situated in a rural area, approximately 15 miles east of Livermore and 6 miles south of Tracy (Appendix A, Figure 1). Surrounding land use is primarily open space ranch land used for cattle grazing as well as the 7,000-acre Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Experimental Test Site to the north, which is mostly open space. Carnegie SVRA is situated in the *Altamont, Cedar Mtn*, and *Midway* U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute quadrangles.

Prior to 1930, Carnegie was the site of a large cattle grazing operation and as early as the 1930s, the area was used for off-road motorcycle riding. The topography consists of rolling hills with some areas of extremely steep terrain and ranges in elevation from 600 to 2200 feet North American Vertical Datum of 1988 NAVD88 (Google Inc. 2021). Approximately 1,600 acres of Carnegie SVRA is open to off-highway vehicular use with the remaining area closed to the public. The area closed to the public is accessible by a network of maintained dirt roads. Corral Hollow Creek, a semi-perennial creek, which drains a portion of the Diablo Range east of Livermore into the San Joaquin River basin of the Central Valley, flows through the western portion of Carnegie and along the northern boundary. Also, there are numerous stock ponds throughout the SVRA (Appendix A, Figure 2).

The region is classified as semi-arid with a Mediterranean climate, with most rain falling in the winter and spring. Mild cool temperatures are common in the winter. Hot to mild temperatures are common in the summer. Vegetation communities mapped within Carnegie SVRA include *Blue Oak Woodland and Forest Alliance, California Sagebrush – Black sage Scrub Alliance, Fremont Cottonwood Forest and Woodland Alliance,* and *Wild Oats and Annual Brome Grasslands Semi-natural Alliance* (Carnegie SVRA 2015).

To inform impact assessment, a protocol-level survey for special-status plants was conducted by MIG. This report documents the findings surveys conducted in March, April, May, August, and September 2021.

## 2 Methods

MIG senior biologist and plant ecologist, David Gallagher, M.S. with the assistance of MIG and State Parks staff conducted surveys in 2021 to determine the presence or absence of special-status plants within Carnegie SVRA on 22-25 and 29-30 March; 1-2, 21-23, and 26-28 April; 18-20 and 25 May; 25 August; and 15 September (Table 1). Additionally, native grasslands were identified and mapped during the surveys. During the surveys, special-status plant populations and native grasslands were mapped using a tablet with an Arrow 100 submeter GPS receiver and a geo-spatial mobile-device application. The surveys were conducted in accordance with recommended California Department of Fish and Wildlife protocols (CDFW 2018) as follows:

- Prior to conducting the initial survey, an extensive background review of relevant botanical information, including California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) records was conducted.
- Surveys were floristic in nature (every plant taxon detectable in the project area was identified to the level necessary to determine rarity and listing status).
- 20 site visits were made during the year to detect species that bloom and are identifiable at various times of the year.
- Event though reference populations were not visited, representative photographs of potentially occurring special-status species were reviewed prior to the surveys.

Table 1. List of MIG and State Parks Staff

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#### 2.1 Identification of Target Species

MIG performed a background search and literature review to develop a list of special-status plant species known to occur or potentially occur in the project area prior to the start of protocol level surveys for special-status plants within Carnegie SVRA. The results were submitted to Parks on 25 February 2021 and are attached in Appendix B, *Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) 2021 Special-status Plant and Native Grassland Surveys*. A list of 18 special-status species that occur or may occur within Carnegie SVRA was compiled based upon the habitats and edaphic conditions present, CNDDB and Calflora records within the immediate vicinity of the area, and MIG's knowledge of sensitive plant species in the area (Baldwin et al. 2012; Calflora 2021; CNDDB 2021). See Appendix D for a complete list of plants observed during the surveys.

#### 2.2 Precipitation and Survey Dates

The region is classified as semi-arid with a Mediterranean climate, with most rain falling in the winter and spring. Mild cool temperatures are common in the winter. Hot to mild temperatures are common in the summer. The average daily maximum temperatures are 89°F in summer and 38°F in winter and mean annual precipitation is 14.2 inches.

Relative to the 30-year climate normal, Carnegie SVRA experienced drier than normal conditions prior to the March, April, and May surveys. The project region was experiencing a severe to extreme drought as estimated by the Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI). Total estimated precipitation at the project area from October 2020 to May 2021 was 5.89 inches, which was approximately 42% of 30-year average (1989-2018) for the same period (Deters 2021).

Even though the project area received lower levels of precipitation from October to November, normal levels of precipitation were received between December and February, which is critical in the germination phenology for many species. Therefore, below average rainfall was not expected to have adversely affected the identification of the majority of the 18 special-status plants that may potentially occur in the project area. However, even with normal levels of precipitation during this period, germination of some special-status species, particularly annuals and herbaceous perennials, may not occur due to the overall drier than normal conditions, or a species may germinate or return from rootstock in some areas of Carnegie but not in other areas due to microhabitat conditions.

The March and early April 2021 surveys focused on late winter to early spring bloomers, including Santa Clara thornmint (*Acanthomintha lanceolata*), Douglas' fiddleneck (*Amsinckia douglasiana*), California androsace (*Androsace elongata* ssp. *acuta*), Lemmon's jewelflower (*Caulanthus lemmonii*), diamond-petaled California poppy (*Eschscholzia rhombipetala*), Stinkbells (*Fritillaria agrestis*), Diablo helianthella (*Helianthella castanea*), Mt. Hamilton coreopsis (*Leptosyne hamiltonii*), sylvan scorzonella (*Microseris sylvatica*), and California groundsel (*Senecio aphanactis*). The late April and May 2021 surveys focused on spring and early summer bloomers, including large-flowered fiddleneck (*Amsinckia grandiflora*), chaparral harebell (*Campanula exigua*), Santa Clara red ribbons (*Clarkia concinna* ssp. *automixa*), Hospital Canyon larkspur (*Delphinium californicum* ssp. *interius*), Jepson's woolly sunflower (*Eriophyllum jepsonii*), phlox-leaf serpentine bedstraw (*Galium andrewsii* ssp. *gatense*), and Michael's rein orchid (*Piperia michaelii*). The August 2021 surveys focused on big tarweed (*Blepharizonia plumosa*).

Survey areas were selected based on existing documented occurrence data, vegetation communities, microhabitats, and soil types. Surveys were generally performed by conducting meandering transects with particular emphasis on microhabitats within the survey areas that could potentially support special-status plants. Some areas of Carnegie were not accessible for surveys due to steep, mountainous terrain and/or extremely dense and impenetrable vegetation.

See Appendix B, Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) 2021 Special-status Plant and Native Grassland Surveys for more information on survey methodology.

#### 2.3 Native Grassland

Natural communities have been considered part of the Natural Heritage Conservation triad, along with plants and animals of conservation significance since California's inception of the Natural Heritage Program in 1979. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) determines the level of rarity and imperilment of vegetation types; and tracks sensitive natural communities in its Rarefind database (CNDDB 2021).

Global rankings (G) of natural communities reflect the overall condition (rarity and endangerment) of a habitat throughout its range, whereas state (S) rankings reflect the condition of a habitat within California. Natural communities are defined using NatureServe's standard heritage program methodology as follows (CDFG 2007):

- G1/S1: Less than 6 viable occurrences or less than 2,000 acres.
- G2/S2: Between 6 and 20 occurrences or 2,000 to 10,000 acres.
- G3/S3: Between 21 and 100 occurrences or 10,000 to 50,000 acres.
- G4/S4: The community is apparently secure, but factors and threats exist to cause some concern.
- G5/S4: The community is demonstrably secure to ineradicable due to being common throughout the world (for global rank) or the state of California (for state rank).

State rankings are further described by the following threat code extensions:

- S1.1: Very threatened.
- S1.2: Threatened.
- S1.3: No current threats known.

In addition to tracking sensitive natural communities, the CDFW also ranks vegetation alliances, defined by repeating patterns of plants across a landscape that reflect climate, soil, water, disturbance, and other environmental factors (Sawyer et al. 2009). If an alliance is marked G1-G3, all the vegetation associations within it will also be of high priority (CDFG 2007). CDFW's currently accepted list of vegetation alliances and associations is provided by the Vegetation Classification and Mapping Program (VegCAMP) (CDFW 2021). During the March, April, and May surveys, native grasslands were mapped and classified using CDFW's currently accepted list of vegetations, where applicable.

Surveys for native grasslands were conducted concurrently with the rare plant surveys in March, April, and May 2021. Surveys were generally performed by conducting meandering transects in area mapped as *Wild Oats and Annual Brome Grasslands Semi-natural Alliance* as well as open grassland areas identified in aerial imagery (Carnegie SVRA 2015; Google Inc. 2021). Some areas of Carnegie were not accessible for surveys due to steep, mountainous terrain and/or extremely dense and impenetrable vegetation. These areas may contain suitable habit

for special-status species. See Appendix B, *Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA)* 2021 Special-status Plant and Native Grassland Surveys for more information on survey methodology and grass species present or potentially present at Carnegie.

## 3 Results

#### 3.1 Special-status Plants

**Special-status Species.** Five special-status species plants were identified and mapped within Carnegie SVRA during the 2021 surveys: big tarweed, Hospital Canyon larkspur, Jepson's woolly sunflower, Santa Clara thornmint, and stinkbells (Appendix A, Figures 3a to 3f). Each species is described below in detail, including occurrence data, and known conservation threats. Photos of each species observed are included in Appendix C (Photos 1 to 10) and list of all plants observed during the 2016 floristic inventory, updated with new species observed during the 2021 surveys, is provided in Appendix D.

Other special-status species not observed during the 2021 surveys but are assumed to be present include California androsace, California groundsel, chaparral harebell, Michael's rein orchid, phlox-leaf serpentine bedstraw, and sylvan scorzonella. These species are described below. The locations and date of occurrences for these species are shown in Appendix A, Figure 4.

**Big Tarweed.** This species was observed growing on a steep north-facing slope in California annual grassland during the 15 September survey. The number of individuals observed was 15. Also, during the 2016 floristic inventory, at least 40 individuals were observed growing on a steep north-facing slope along an ephemeral drainage and at least 15 individuals were observed growing along a dirt access road. Both locations were within California annual grassland. However, big tarweed was not observed at these locations during the 2021 surveys and likely did not germinate at these locations due to drier than normal conditions. However, big tarweed likely persists at these locations in the seedbank. The dominant plant associates included slender oat (*Avena barbata*), and foxtail brome (*Bromus madritensis*).

Big tarplant is an annual herb in the sunflower family (Asteraceae) that blooms from July to October. This species grows on dry slopes, often in disturbed areas, in valley and foothill grassland. It has a CRPR of 1B.1 (i.e., plants that are rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere and is seriously threatened in California). It is endemic to California where it is known from 31 documented occurrences since 2000, mainly from the Diablo Range and Carrizo Plain. Historical occurrences probably extirpated by agriculture and non-native plants. Seriously threatened by urbanization; also threatened by disking, residential development, and non-native plants (Califora 2021; CNPS 2021).

Within Alameda and San Joaquin Counties, there are seven documented occurrences since 2000, including a 2004 occurrence from Carnegie. The 2016 occurrences from Carnegie are not included in the Calflora database. There are 18 historical occurrences for this species from Alameda and San Joaquin Counties with the most recent from 1998 at a location now located in

the boundaries of Carnegie SVRA (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021). Since big tarplant is seriously threatened throughout its range, impacts to or loss of existing populations and individuals could affect this species' persistence and would be considered significant.

**Hospital Canyon Larkspur.** This species was observed growing on the banks along drainages in Carrol Canyon and Kiln Canyon during the 22 and 27 April 2021 surveys. The number of individuals observed was approximately 12 in Carrol Canyon and 52 in Kiln Canyon. Also, during the 2016 floristic inventory, at least 100 individuals were observed growing on a slope within chaparral at a different location. However, this species was not observed at this location during the 2021 surveys and likely did not return from rootstock at this location due to drier than normal conditions. However, Hospital Canyon larkspur likely persists at this location. The dominant plant associates included California bee plant (*Scrophularia californica*), California goosefoot (*Chenopodium californicum*), California man-root (*Marah fabacea*), California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*), desert olive (*Forestiera pubescens*), and sticky monkeyflower (*Diplacus aurantiacus*).

Hospital Canyon larkspur is a perennial herb in the buttercup family (Ranunculaceae) that grows on slopes (sometimes in mesic areas) within chaparral, coast scrub, and cismontane woodlands. The blooming period for this species extends from April to June. It has a CRPR of 1B.2 (i.e., plants that are rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere and is moderately threatened in California). It is endemic to California where it is known from 28 documented occurrences since 2000, mainly from the Diablo Range and Pinnacles National Monument in the Gabilan Range. Threats to this species include vehicles and recreational activities (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021).

Within Alameda County, there are only three documented occurrences since 2000 from Carnegie SVRA (2004 occurrence) and Ohlone Regional Wilderness. They are no documented occurrences from San Joaquin County since 2000. The 2016 occurrence from Carnegie is not included in the Calflora database. There are 11 historical occurrences for this species from Alameda and San Joaquin Counties with the most recent from 1997 near Tarraville Creek and Mines Road (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021). Since Hospital Canyon larkspur is only known from Carnegie SVRA and Ohlone Regional Wilderness, impacts to or loss of existing populations and individuals could affect this species' persistence and would be considered significant.

Jepson's Woolly Sunflower. This species was observed growing in the upper Franciscan Loop Trail area during the 22, 26, and 28 April 2021 surveys on moderate to steep north-facing slopes in open grassy areas of the *California Sagebrush – Black sage Scrub Alliance* and *Blue Oak Woodland and Forest Alliance* vegetation communities. The number of individuals observed was 57 at two locations. Also, during the 2016 floristic inventory, 20 individuals were observed at one of these locations. The dominant species growing in these areas included blue oak (*Quercus douglasii*), California sagebrush, common soap root (*Chlorogalum pomeridianum* var. *pomeridianum*), common yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), coyote mint (*Monardella villosa*), Fremont's bush mallow (*Malacothamnus fremontii*), and sticky monkey flower.

Jepson's woolly sunflower is a perennial subshrub herb in the sunflower family (Asteraceae) that occurs in oak woodland and chaparral plant communities, sometimes on serpentine substrate. The blooming period for this species extends from April to June. It has a CRPR of 4.3 (i.e., watch list for plants of limited distribution or are infrequent throughout a broader area in California and is not very threatened in California). Since Jepson's woolly sunflower is on a watch list, more current and accurate information is still needed on its distribution and ecology. It is endemic to California where it is known from 24 documented occurrences since 2000, mainly from the Diablo Range. Threats to this species are unknown, but likely include development, recreational activities, and competition with non-native plants (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021).

Within Alameda County, there are five documented occurrences since 2000, including a 2004 occurrence from Carnegie SVRA. There are no documented occurrences in San Joaquin County. The 2016 occurrence is not included in the Calflora database. There are 14 historical occurrences for this species from Alameda County with the most recent occurrence from 1994 at Los Mochos Boy Scout Camp, east of Ohlone Regional Wilderness (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021). Given that Jepson's woolly sunflower is only known from one other area in Alameda County, conservation of existing populations at Carnegie SVRA could be essential for preserving its genetic resources and ensuring its persistence in the County.

**Santa Clara Thornmint.** This species was observed growing in the southwestern portion of Carnegie during the 22 and 24 March 2021, and 21 April 2021 surveys on steep southwest-facing slopes composed of decomposing hard shale substrate in the *California Sagebrush* – *Black sage Scrub Alliance* vegetation community. The number of individuals observed was approximately 267 at four locations, with approximately 200 plants occurring at a single location. During the 2016 floristic inventory, at least 300 individuals were observed at one of these locations, as well. The shale slopes were mostly devoid of vegetation, but other plant species present included California juniper (*Juniperus californica*), California sagebrush, foxtail brome, purple navarretia (*Navarretia pubescens*), silver puffs (*Uropappus lindleyi*), slender oat, and yerba santa (*Eriodictyon californicum*).

Santa Clara thornmint is an annual herb in the mint family (Lamiaceae) that occurs in rocky outcrops on slopes, sometimes serpentine, in chaparral and cis-montane woodland plant communities. The blooming period for this species extends from March to June. It has a CRPR of 4.2 (i.e., watch list for plants of limited distribution or are infrequent throughout a broader area in California, but is moderately threatened in California). Since Santa Clara thornmint is on a watch list, more current and accurate information is still needed on its distribution and ecology. It is endemic to California where it is known from over 500 documented occurrences since 2000, mainly from the Diablo and Temblor Ranges. Threats to this species include competition with non-native plants, grazing, and hydrological alterations (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021).

Within Alameda and San Joaquin Counties, there are 11 documented occurrences since 2000, including a 2004 occurrence from Carnegie SVRA. The 2016 occurrence is not included in the Calflora database. There are 30 historical occurrences for this species from Alameda and San

Joaquin Counties with the most recent occurrence from 1998 at a location now located in the boundaries of Carnegie SVRA (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021). Given that Alameda and San Joaquin Counties are at the northern limits of the documented range for Santa Clara thornmint, conservation of existing populations of this species could be essential for preserving its genetic resources and ensuring its persistence in these Counties.

**Stinkbells**. This species was observed growing in the northwestern portion of Carnegie during the 22 and 23 March 2021 surveys on moderate to gentle, mostly north-facing slopes in the *Wild Oats and Annual Brome Grasslands Semi-natural Alliance* and *Nassella cernua Herbaceous Alliance* (native grassland – see section 3.2 below) vegetation communities. The number of individuals observed was approximately 430 at three locations. During the 2016 floristic inventory, at least 57 individuals were observed at three separate locations. However, during the 2021 surveys this species was not observed at any of these locations, likely due to drier than normal conditions. However, stinkbells bulbs likely persist at these locations. Other plant species present observed in these locations included common gum plant (*Grindelia camporum*), common soap root, common yarrow, *Lomatium* sp., naked buckwheat (*Eriogonum nudum*), needle goldfields (*Lasthenia gracilis*), nodding needle grass (*Stipa cernua*), San Francisco leafy fleabane (*Erigeron foliosus* var. *franciscensis*), slender oat, and soft brome (*Bromus hordeaceus*).

Stinkbells is a perennial bulbiferous herb in the lily family (Liliaceae) that occurs in clay and sometimes serpentine substrate in chaparral cismontane woodland, pinyon and juniper woodland, and valley and foothill grassland plant communities. The blooming period for this species extends from March to June. It has a CRPR of 4.2 (i.e., watch list for plants of limited distribution or are infrequent throughout a broader area in California, but is moderately threatened in California). Since stinkbells is on a watch list, more current and accurate information is still needed on its distribution and ecology. It is endemic to California where it is known from at least 100 documented occurrences since 2000 and is widely distributed, occurring in the Diablo, Caliente, Santa Lucia, and Transverse Ranges as well as the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. Threats to this species include development, grazing, and vehicles and is also possibly threatened by competition with non-native plants (Califora 2021; CNPS 2021).

Within Alameda and San Joaquin Counties, there are 15 documented occurrences since 2000, including a 2016 occurrence from Carnegie. There are 13 historical occurrences for this species from Alameda and San Joaquin Counties with the most recent occurrence from 1998 from a location now located in the boundaries of Carnegie SVRA (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021). Given that most populations are small, conservation of existing populations of this species could be essential for preserving its genetic resources and ensuring its persistence in these Counties.

The following are special-status species assumed to be present at Carnegie but were not observed during the 2021 surveys.

**California Androsace**. This species was not observed during the 2021 surveys, but one population of at least 1000 individuals were observed in the southwest portion of Carnegie

during the 2016 floristic surveys, where it was growing on a rocky slope in the *Blue Oak Woodland and Forest Alliance* vegetation community. California androsace likely did not germinate due to drier than normal conditions. However, California androsace likely persists at this location in the seed bank.

California androsace is an annual herb in the primrose family (Primulaceae) that blooms from March to June. This species occurs on slopes in cismontane woodland, grassland, and chaparral, often on rocky substrate. It has a CRPR of 4.2, which means it is on a watch list for plants of limited distribution or are infrequent throughout a broader area in California and is considered moderately threatened in California. Since it is on a watch list, more current and accurate information is still needed on its distribution and ecology. It is endemic to California where it is known from at least 64 documented occurrences since 2000 and is widely distributed. Possibly threatened by grazing, trampling, non-native plants, alteration of fire regimes, and recreational activities (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021).

Within Alameda and San Joaquin Counties, there are six documented occurrences since 2000, including the 2016 occurrence from Carnegie. There are 21 historical occurrences for this species from Alameda and San Joaquin Counties with the most recent occurrence from 1995 at Tarraville Creek in the Mt. Hamilton Range (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021). Given that California androsace is not well documented in Alameda and San Joaquin Counties, highly localized and often overlooked, and many occurrences extirpated, conservation of existing populations of this species could be essential for preserving its genetic resources and ensuring its persistence in these Counties (CNPS 2021).

**California Groundsel.** This species was not observed during the 2021 surveys or the 2016 floristic surveys. There is a documented occurrence from 2004 at Carnegie SVRA. Given that suitable habitat is present at Carnegie and there is a documented occurrence in the past 20 years, California groundsel may still be present at Carnegie. Occurrences more than 20 years ago are considered historical and are a priority to revisit as part of the CNPS Rare Plant Treasure Hunt (RPTH) program (CNPS 2021).

California groundsel is an annual herb in the sunflower family (Asteraceae) that blooms from January to April. This species occurs on drying, alkaline flats and dry, open rocky areas in cismontane woodland and chaparral. It has a CRPR of 2B.2, which means it is on rare or endangered in California but common elsewhere and is considered moderately threatened in California. It is known from at least 53 documented occurrences since 2000 and is widely distributed. It is threatened by development (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021).

Within Alameda County there are two documented occurrences since 2000, including the 2004 occurrence from Carnegie. There are no documented occurrences since 2000 from San Joaquin County. There are five historical occurrences for this species from Alameda and San Joaquin Counties with the most recent occurrence from a 1998 at a location now located in the boundaries of Carnegie SVRA (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021). Given that California groundsel is

not well documented in Alameda and San Joaquin Counties, conservation of this species could be essential for preserving its genetic resources and ensuring its persistence in these Counties.

**Chaparral Harebell**. This species was not observed during the 2021 surveys, but two populations of 47 individuals were observed in the upper Franciscan Loop Trail area during the 2016 floristic surveys, where it was growing on rocky slopes in the *California Sagebrush – Black sage Scrub Alliance* vegetation community that were burned the previous year. It is not known whether this species is a strict fire follower, appearing only immediately after a fire for a few years or the species is always present, but is much more abundant after a fire. During the 2021 surveys both locations were heavily vegetated with Fremont's bush mallow the most dominate species. Regardless, the seed bank is likely still present at both locations and germination likely did not occur due to lack of fire, drier than normal conditions, or competition with other plants.

Chaparral harebell is an annual herb in the bellflower family (Campanulaceae) that blooms from May to June. This species occurs on rocky or talus slopes in open areas of chaparral, often on serpentine substrate. It has a CRPR of 1B.2 (i.e., plants that are rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere and is moderately threatened in California). It is endemic to California where it is known from at least 23 documented occurrences since 2000, mainly from the Diablo Range. Possibly threatened by mining and vehicles (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021).

Within Alameda County, there are three documented occurrences since 2000. The 2016 occurrence from Carnegie is not included in the Calflora database. There are no documented occurrences from San Joaquin County. There are 12 historical occurrences for this species from Alameda County with the most recent occurrence from 1995 at Los Mochos Boy Scout Camp, east of Ohlone Regional Wilderness (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021). Given that chaparral harebell is not well documented in Alameda County, conservation of existing populations of this species could be essential for preserving its genetic resources and ensuring its persistence in the County.

**Michael's Rein Orchid**. This species was not observed during the 2021 surveys, but a small population of five individuals were observed at one location adjacent to upper Corral Hollow Creek in the southwest portion of Carnegie during the 2016 floristic surveys. Michael's rein orchid likely did not germinate due to drier than normal conditions. However, Michael's rein orchid likely persists at this location as underground bulbs.

Michael's rein orchid is a perennial herb belonging to the orchid family (Orchidaceae) that blooms from April to August. This species occurs in dry sites within foothill woodland, coastal shrub and prairie, closed-cone coniferous and mixed evergreen forests. It has a CRPR of 4.2, which means it is on a watch list for plants of limited distribution or are infrequent throughout a broader area in California and is considered moderately threatened in California. Since it is on a watch list, more current and accurate information is still needed on its distribution and ecology. It is endemic to California where it is known from at least 54 documented occurrences since 2000 and is widely distributed, especially in the Southern Coast Ranges. Threats to this species are unknown, but likely include development, recreational activities, and competition with non-native plants (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021).

Within Alameda County, there are two documented occurrences since 2000, including the 2016 occurrence from Carnegie. There are seven historical occurrences for this species from Alameda County with the most recent occurrence from 1999 in Albany Hill Park (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021). Given that Michael's rein orchid is not well documented in Alameda County, conservation of existing populations of this species could be essential for preserving its genetic resources and ensuring its persistence in the County.

**Phlox-leaf Serpentine Bedstraw.** This species was not observed during the 2021 surveys, but one population of at least 40 individuals was observed in the southwest portion of Carnegie during the 2016 floristic surveys, where it was growing on rocky substrate in the *Blue Oak Woodland and Forest Alliance* vegetation community. Phlox-leaf serpentine bedstraw likely did not germinate due to drier than normal conditions. However, phlox-leaf bedstraw likely persists at this location as underground root stock.

Phlox-leaf serpentine bedstraw is a perennial herb in the madder family (Rubiaceae) that blooms from April to July. This species occurs in dry, rocky places, often in serpentine soil, in chaparral or open oak/pine woodland. It has a CRPR of 4.2, which means it is on a watch list for plants of limited distribution or are infrequent throughout a broader area in California and is considered moderately threatened in California. Since it is on a watch list, more current and accurate information is still needed on its distribution and ecology. It is endemic to California where it is known from at least 37 documented occurrences since 2000, mainly from the Diablo Range in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara Counties, and from the Santa Cruz Mountains in Santa Clara County. Threats have not been reported for this species (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021).

Within Alameda County there are six documented occurrences since 2000, including the 2016 occurrence from Carnegie. There are no documented occurrences from San Joaquin County (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021). There are 12 historical occurrences for this species from Alameda County with the most recent occurrence from 1999 in the Ohlone Regional Wilderness. Given that Alameda County is at the northern limits of the documented range for phlox-leaf serpentine bedstraw, conservation of this species could be essential for preserving its genetic resources and ensuring its persistence in the County.

**Sylvan Scorzonella**. This species was not observed during the 2021 surveys, but one population of at least 30 individuals was observed in the southwest portion of Carnegie during the 2016 floristic surveys, where it was growing in the *Wild Oats and Annual Brome Grasslands Semi-natural Alliance* vegetation community. Also, one individual was observed growing in an open area in the *Blue Oak Woodland and Forest Alliance* vegetation community during an informal survey of the upper Franciscan Loop Trail area in Spring 2019. Sylvan scorzonella likely did not germinate due to drier than normal conditions. However, it is likely still persists at this location in as underground root stock.

Sylvan scorzonella is a perennial herb in the sunflower family (Asteraceae) that blooms from March to June. This species occurs in open areas in chaparral, pinyon and juniper woodland, cismontane woodland, valley and foothill grassland vegetation communities. It has a CRPR of 4.2, which means it is on a watch list for plants of limited distribution or are infrequent throughout a broader area in California and is considered moderately threatened in California. Since it is on a watch list, more current and accurate information is still needed on its distribution and ecology. It is endemic to California where it is known from at least 52 documented occurrences since 2000 is widely distributed. Threatened by wind energy development, grazing, agriculture, vehicles, and recreational activities. Possibly threatened by non-native plants (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021).

Within Alameda County there is only one documented occurrence since 2000 from Carnegie SVRA. The 2016 occurrence is not included in the Calflora database. There are no documented occurrences from San Joaquin County (Calflora 2021; CNPS 2021). There are three historical occurrences for this species from Alameda County with the most recent occurrence from 1894 in the Berkeley area. Given that Sylvan scorzonella is only known from Carnegie in Alameda County, conservation of this species could be essential for preserving its genetic resources and ensuring its persistence in the County.

#### 3.2 Native Grassland

Approximately 253 acres of native grassland were mapped, mostly in the western portion of Carnegie (Appendix A, Figures 5a to 5e; Appendix C, Photos 11-13). Native grassland vegetation communities were mapped using CDFW's currently accepted list of vegetation alliances and associations (CDFW 2021). Surveys for native grasslands focused on areas where the vegetation cover was dominated by grasses, i.e., areas with minimal cover of trees or shrubs. In general, grasses occurring in the understory of areas with a closed canopy of trees or shrubs were not mapped since these areas would be classified as a woodland or chaparral vegetation community, e.g., *Blue Oak Woodland and Forest Alliance, California Sagebrush – Black sage Scrub Alliance*, or *Fremont Cottonwood Forest and Woodland Alliance*.

Two native grassland communities were mapped within Carnegie SVRA, approximately 242 acres of the *Nassella cernua Herbaceous Alliance (Provisional)*, 9.3 acres of the *Poa Secunda Herbaceous Alliance*, and 1.8 acres of the *Nassella pulchra Herbaceous Alliance*. All three alliances are classified as California annual grasslands, i.e., grasslands associated with a Mediterranean climate and where growth occurs during early spring and by summer most plants are dormant.

*Nassella cernua Herbaceous Alliance (Provisional).* This alliance is a pending addition to the natural community list and is currently classified as an association (*Nassella cernua Association*) of the *Needle grass – Melic Grass Grassland Alliance*. This alliance has been identified by CDFW as "G3 S3", which means that it is rare and threatened throughout its range in California. This alliance was observed in upland areas, including steep rocky slopes, rock

outcrops, and flat to moderately sloping areas, that generally dry by mid to late spring. Nodding needle grass (Stipa (Nassella) cernua) was co-dominant with non-native grasses or characteristically present with cover ranging from 2 to 50% within the mapped areas. Non-native grasses observed included foxtail barley (Hordeum murinum), foxtail brome, soft brome, slender oat, and ripgut brome (Bromus diandrus). Native grasses observed included big squirreltail grass (Elymus multisetus), bottlebrush squirreltail (Elymus elymoides), June grass (Koeleria macrantha), one-sided bluegrass (Poa secunda), and small fescue (Festuca microstachys). In general, these areas also had a higher cover of native annual and perennial herbs, including annual lupine (Lupinus bicolor), blow-wives (Achyrachaena mollis), blue dicks (Dichelostemma capitatum), butter 'n' eggs (Triphysaria eriantha), California cottonrose (Logfia filaginoides), chaparral clarkia (Clarkia affinis), Chilean trefoil (Acmispon wrangelianus), common soap root, cotton top (Micropus californicus), common fiddleneck (Amsinckia intermedia), Douglas' microseris (Microseris douglasii), fringe pod (Thysanocarpus curvipes), Ithuriel's spear (Triteleia laxa), mosquito bill (Primula hendersonii), poison sanicle (Sanicula bipinnata), popcornflower (Plagiobothrys sp.), purple sanicle (Sanicula bipinnatifida), and yellow mariposa lily (Calochortus luteus). Non-native herbs observed included black mustard (Brassica nigra) and hairy catsear (Hypochaeris radicata). Scattered trees and shrubs were present in some of the grasslands and included California matchweed (Gutierrezia californica), California sagebrush (Artemisia californica), and blue oak.

**Poa secunda Herbaceous Alliance**. This alliance is also classified as an association (*Poa secunda ssp. secunda Association*) of the *One-sided Bluegrass – Mat Muhly – Douglas' Sedge Moist Meadow Alliance*. This alliance has been identified by CDFW as "G4? S3", which means that it is rare and threatened throughout its range in California. This alliance was observed in upland areas, including open areas of blue oak woodland, rocky outcrops, and steep to moderately sloping areas. One-sided bluegrass was co-dominant with non-native grasses or characteristically present with cover ranging from 2 to 50% within the mapped areas. Non-native grasses observed included foxtail brome, soft brome, and slender oat. Native grasses observed included June grass and small fescue. In general, these areas also had a higher cover of native annual and perennial herbs, including the species listed above under the *Nassella cernua Herbaceous Alliance*. Other species observed included Longhorn plectritis (*Plectritis macrocera*), common yarrow, and California plantain (*Plantago erecta*). Non-native herbs observed included black mustard and hairy catsear. Scattered trees and shrubs were present in some of the grasslands and included California matchweed, California sagebrush, and blue oak.

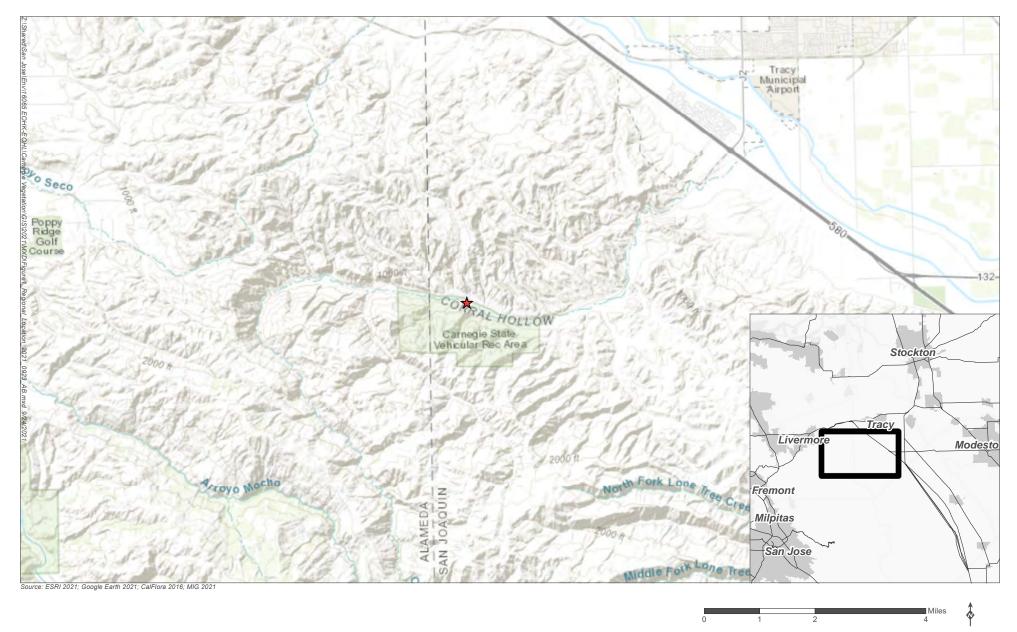
**Nassella pulchra Herbaceous Alliance.** This alliance is also classified as an association (*Nassella pulchra Association*) of the *Needle grass – Melic Grass Grassland Alliance*. This alliance has been identified by CDFW as "G3 S3", which means that it is rare and threatened throughout its range in California. This alliance was observed in restoration areas where purple needlegrass (*Stipa (Nassella) pulchra*) was likely in a seed mix and was co-dominant with non-native grasses or characteristically present with cover ranging from 2 to 50% within the mapped areas. Non-native grasses observed included foxtail barley, foxtail brome, soft brome, and

slender oat. Native grasses observed included one-sided bluegrass and small fescue. In general, these areas generally had a higher cover of non-native herbs with some native herbs present. Native herbs observed included blue dicks, common fiddleneck, and Ithuriel's spear. Non-native herbs observed included black mustard and hairy catsear. Scattered trees and shrubs were present and included California matchweed, California sagebrush, and blue oak.

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# Appendix A Figures



★ Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area





- Carnegie SVRA Boundary
- **County Line** 
  - Ephemeral/Intermittent Drainages
  - Ponds

## Figure 2 Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area Map

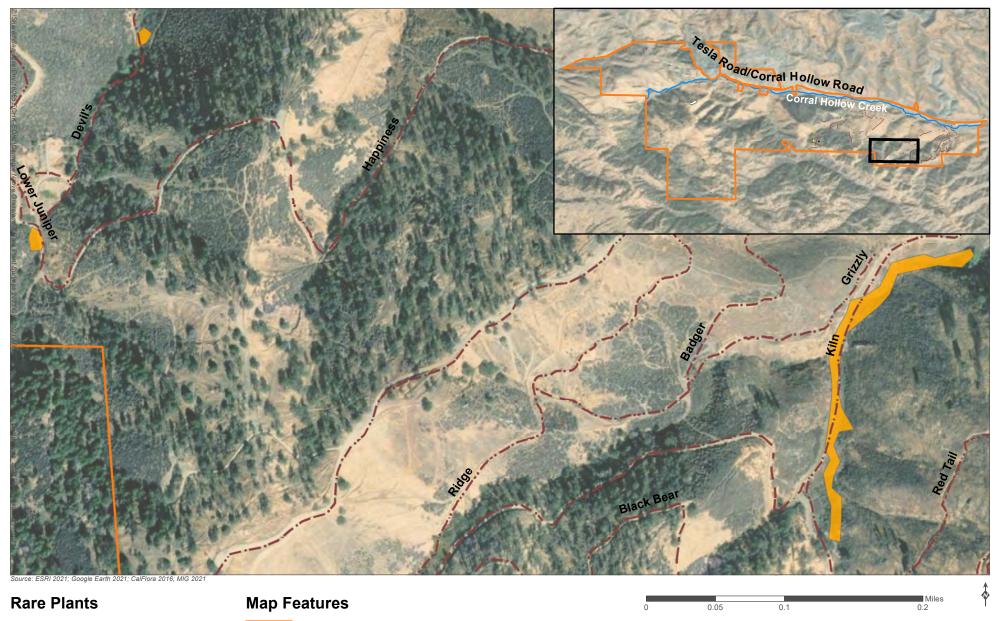
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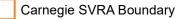
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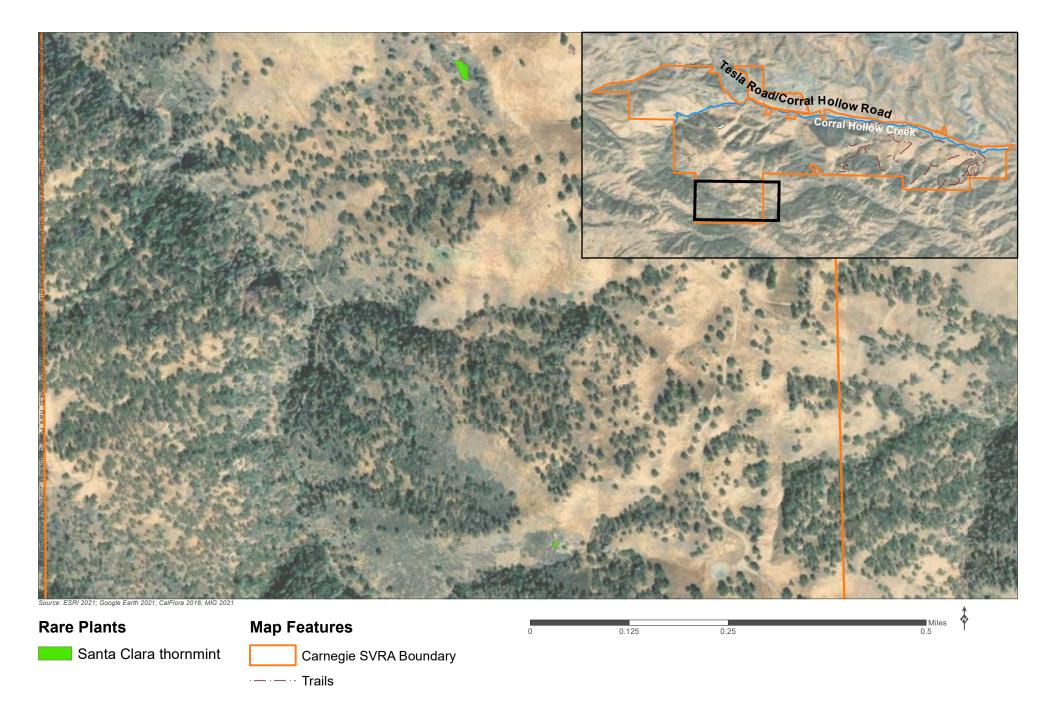
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## Figure 3a Rare Plant Occurrences- 2021 Surveys

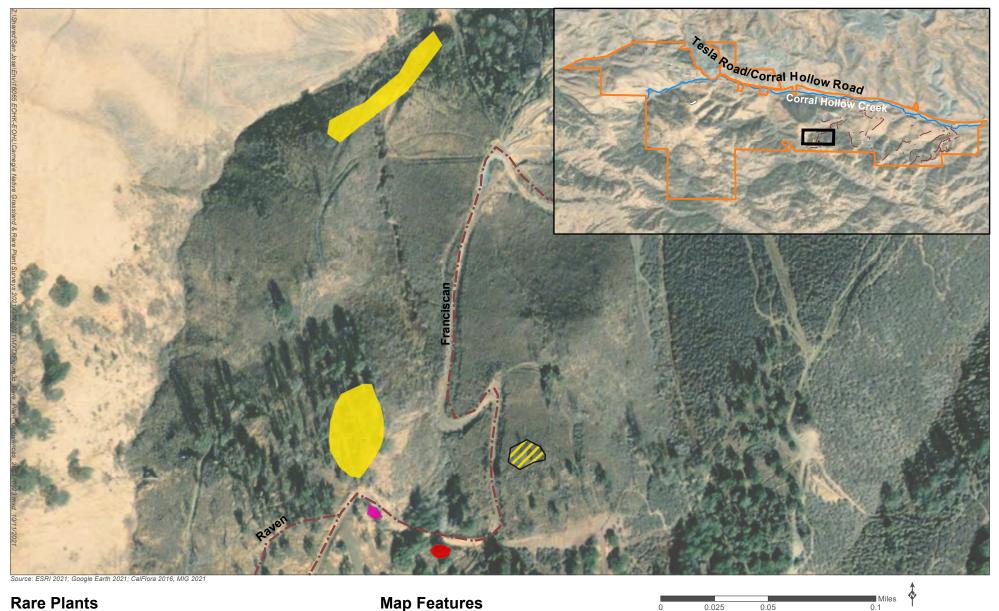




## Figure 3b Rare Plant Occurrences- 2021 Surveys

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#### **Rare Plants**

- Jepson's wooly sunflower
  - Jepson's wooly sunflower & chaparral harebell
  - Stinkbells
    - Sylvan scorzonella

## **Map Features**



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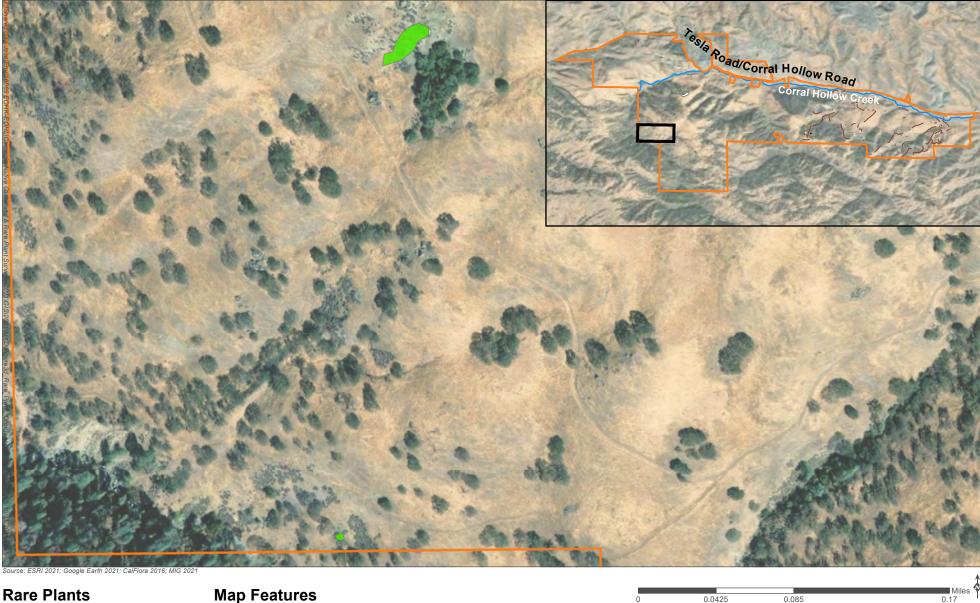
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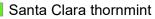
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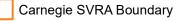




#### **Rare Plants**

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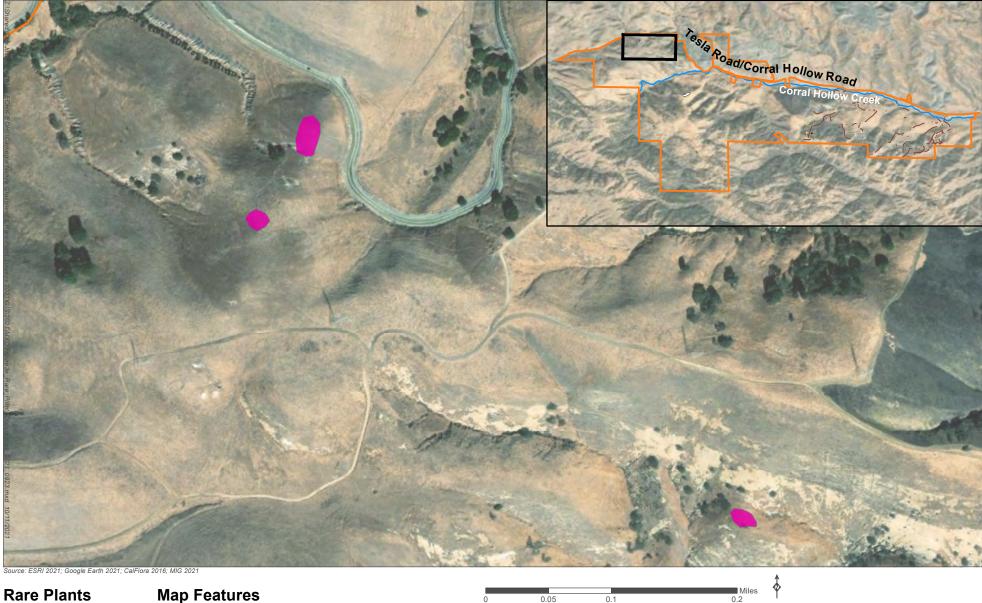


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Stinkbells

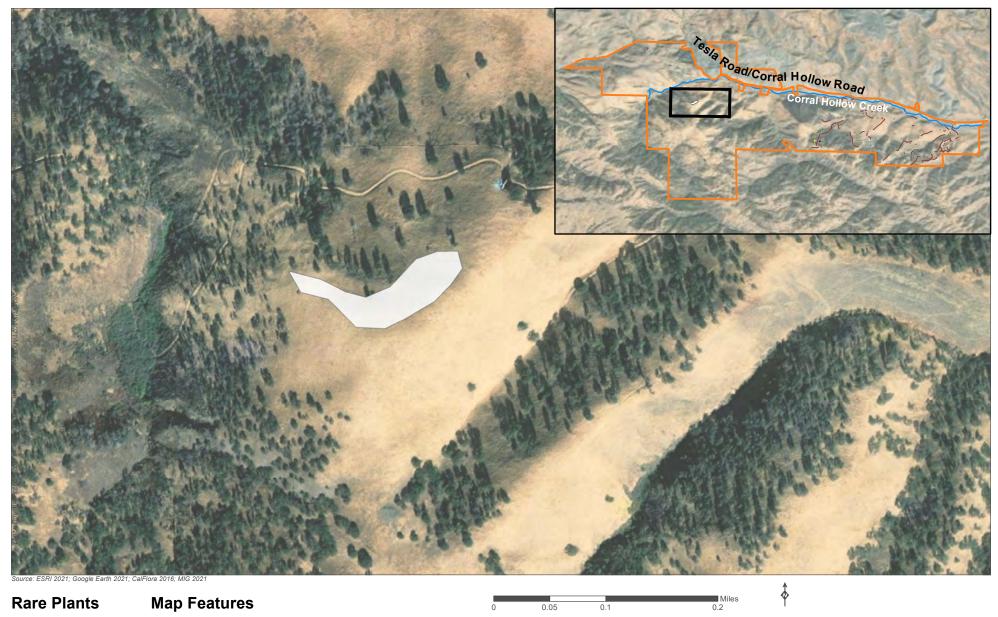
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## Figure 3e Rare Plant Occurrences- 2021 Surveys

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### **Rare Plants**

## **Map Features**

Big tarplant

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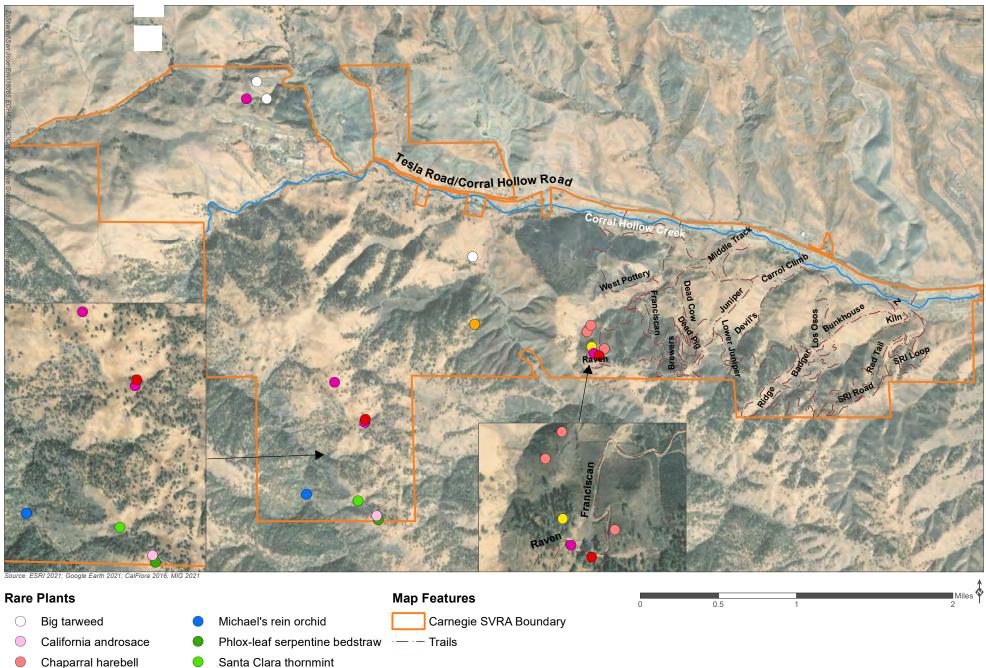
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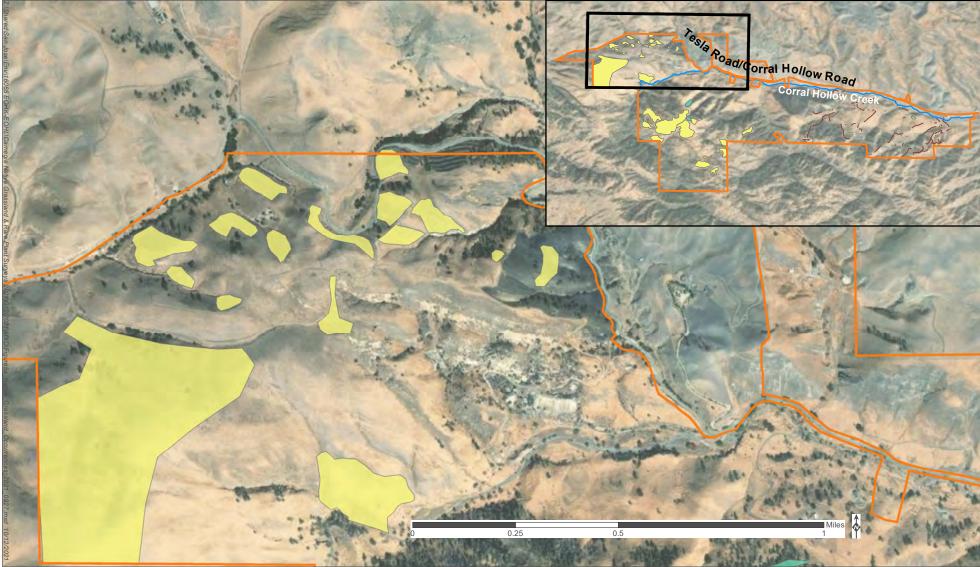
- Hospital canyon larkspur
- Jepson's woolly sunflower
- Santa Clara thornmint
- Stinkbells

Sylvan scorzonella

## Figure 4 Rare Plant Occurrences - Pre-2021 Surveys

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Source: ESRI 2021; MIG 2021

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Nasella cernua Herbaceous Alliance

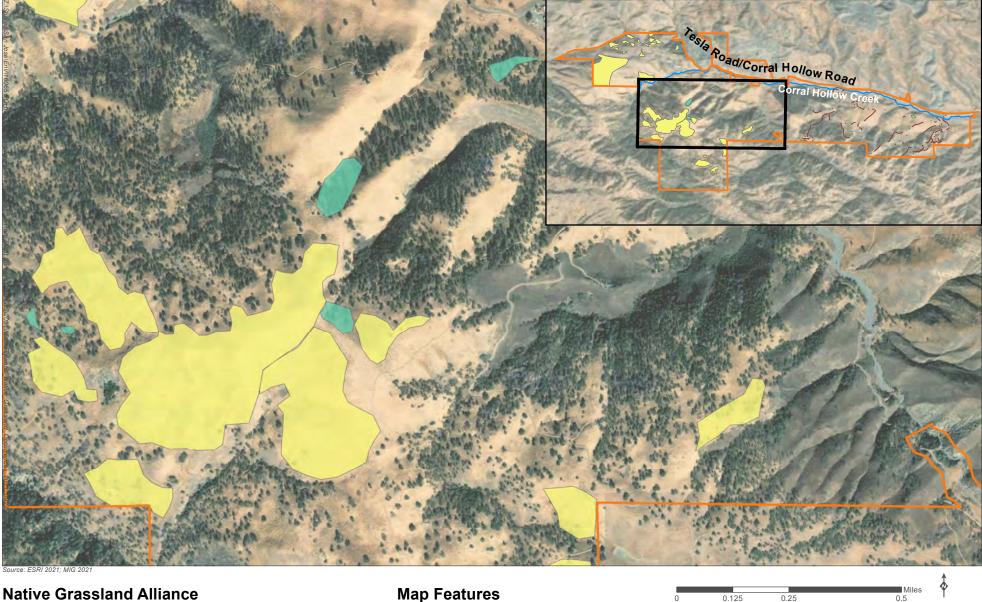
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## Figure 5a Native Grassland Occurrences





### **Native Grassland Alliance**



Nasella cernua Herbaceous Alliance

Poa Secunda Herbaceous Alliance

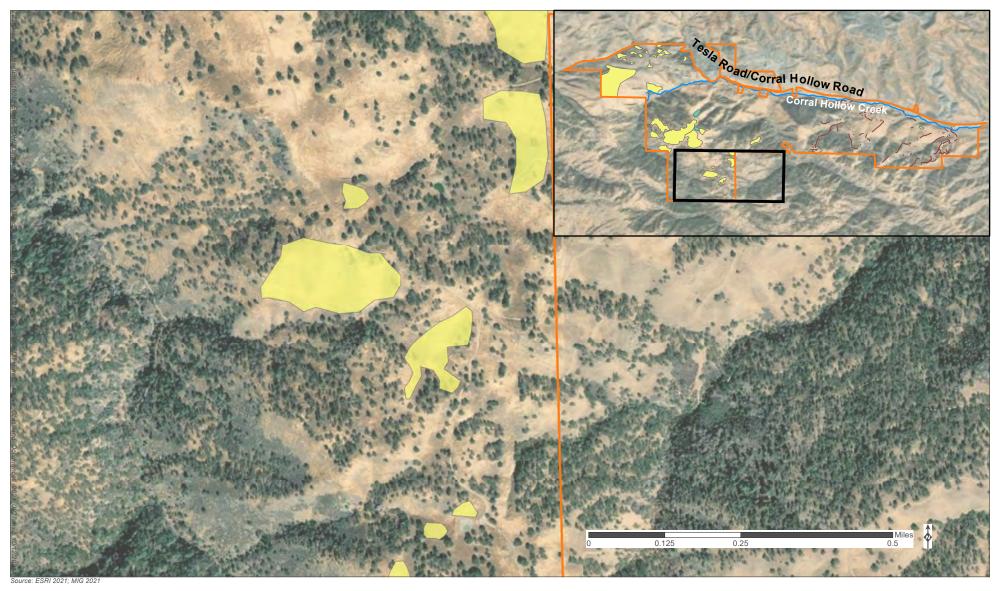
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## Figure 5b Native Grassland Occurrences





## Native Grassland Alliance

Nasella cernua Herbaceous Alliance

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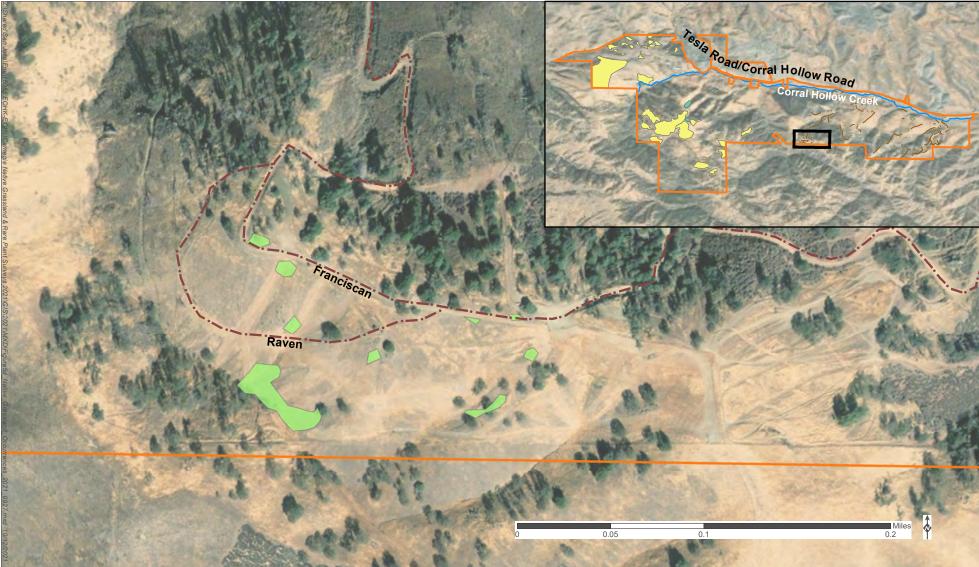


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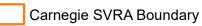


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#### **Native Grassland Alliance**

Nasella pulchra Herbaceous Alliance

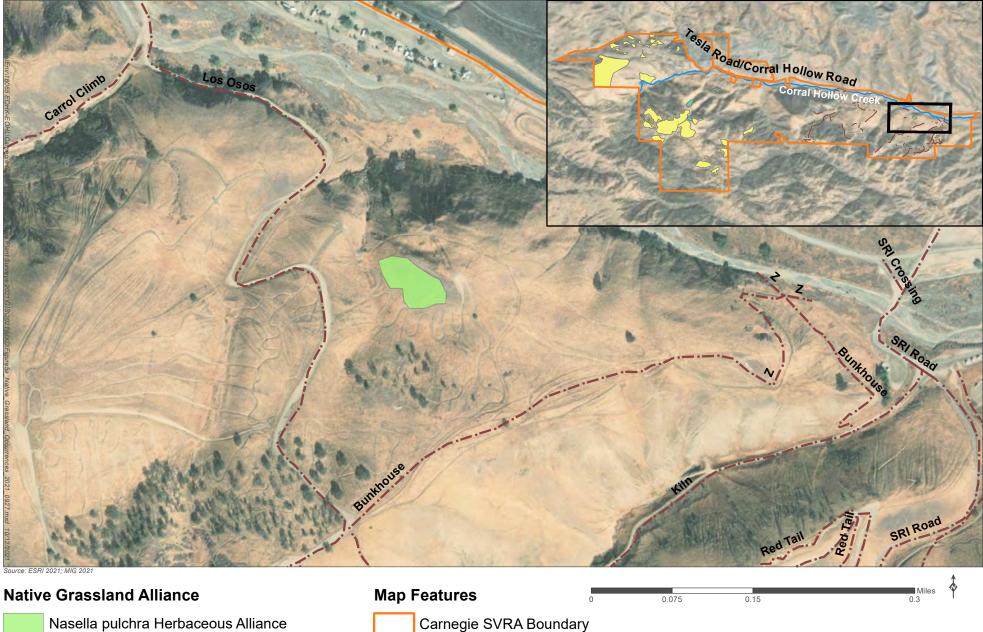
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## Figure 5d Native Grassland Occurrences





### Nasella pulchra Herbaceous Alliance



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## Figure 5e Native Grassland Occurrences



# Appendix B Identification of Target Species Memo



To: Tara Kerss, Environmental Scientist, California State Parks

- From: David Gallagher, Senior Biologist, MIG
- Date: February 25, 2021
- Re: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) 2021 Special-status Plant and Native Grassland Surveys

#### Dear Ms. Kerss,

MIG is pleased to provide assistance with special-status plant surveys, native grassland surveys, and plant ID training at Carnegie SVRA. Carnegie SVRA is known to support populations of at least 10 special-status plants. Additionally, there is also the potential for an additional eight special-status species to occur at Carnegie SVRA, based on the presence of suitable habitat and historical occurrence data (Figure 1 and Table 1).

Carnegie SVRA is also known to support populations of at least 16 native grass species. There is also the potential for an additional three native grass species to occur at Carnegie SVRA, based on the presence of suitable habitat and historical occurrence data (Table 2).

#### **Special-status Plant Surveys**

**Survey Methodology.** Surveys for special-status plants will incorporate two methods: (1) surveys will be conducted at documented locations for each special-status species. Survey locations will include records from Calflora and the 2016 floristic survey (Figure 1); (2) surveys will be conducted in areas with suitable microhabitats for each species, as informed by aerial imagery and soil maps (Figure 1 and Table 1). The majority of 2016 observations occurred on three soil series: VaE2, RoF, and AmE2.

- VaE2. Vallecitos rocky loam, 30 to 45 percent slopes, eroded. This soil occurs in large bodies in moderately steep to steep mountainous terrain and is formed from hard shale and sandstone. Rocky outcrops are numerous. Special-status species: California androsace, Hospital Canyon larkspur, Jepson's woolly sunflower, Phlox-leaf serpentine bedstraw, stinkbells, and Sylvan scorzonella.
- **RoF.** Rock land. This land type occurs throughout the uplands and consists of very steep, rocky areas. **Special-status species**: Big tarplant, Chaparral harebell, Michael's rein orchid, Santa Clara thornmint, and stinkbells. Also, California groundsel and diamond-petaled poppy.
- **AmE2.** Altamont clay, moderately deep, 30 to 45 percent slopes, eroded. This soil occurs on steep, smooth, well-rounded hills and is formed from interbedded shale and fine-grained sandstone. **Special-status species**: Big tarplant.

During the appropriate bloom period, each occurrence location will be surveyed as well as circular 100-meter buffer, if possible. After these locations are surveyed, the survey teams will

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then survey suitable microhabitats within the three soil types listed above. Microhabitats include rocky outcrops, scree fields, and disturbed areas. Potential microhabitats will be identified on aerial imagery as well as meandering transects.

**Survey Periods**. Because of the number of special-status plants known to occur at Carnegie SVRA, the potential for additional special-status plant to occur, and the wide range of bloom periods, it is recommended that surveys take place once a month for approximately one week from March to August for a total of six survey periods. Two survey teams of two are recommend for each of the survey periods. Each survey team will include an experienced ecologist/botanist with knowledge of the special-status plants that occur in the region.

**Data Collection and Reporting.** Geospatial data will be collected using a tablet with an Arrow 100 submeter GPS receiver and a geo-spatial mobile-device application. Also, voucher specimens may be collected to aid in species identification. With the approval of Parks, voucher specimens may also be submitted to an herbarium if the special-status species is under-represented in herbarium collections or to document a range extension for that species. Additionally, California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) forms for each special-status plant species occurrence will be submitted to California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) also with approval from Parks. We will also upload special-status plant occurrences to Califora, also with approval from Parks.

#### **Native Grassland Surveys**

**Survey Methodology.** Since native grassland generally occurs in fragmented patches within the annual grassland at Carnegie SVRA, surveys will be conducted by walking parallel transects through existing grassland habitat, as identified in aerial imagery and the 2012 vegetation map of Carnegie SVRA. The width of the transects will range from 10 to 30 feet, depending on the terrain and vegetation.

**Survey Periods.** Because of the number of native grasses known to occur at Carnegie SVRA, the potential for additional grass species to occur, and the wide range of bloom periods, it is recommended that surveys take place once a month for approximately one week from March to July for a total of five survey periods. Two survey teams of five are recommend for each of the survey periods. Each survey team will include an experienced ecologist/botanist with knowledge of grass species that occur in the region.

**Data Collection and Reporting.** Geospatial data will be collected using a tablet with an Arrow 100 submeter GPS receiver and a geo-spatial mobile-device application. Also, voucher specimens may be collected to aid in species identification. With the approval of Parks, voucher specimens may also be submitted to an herbarium if the grass is under-represented in herbarium collections or to document a range extension for that species. We will also upload species occurrences to Calflora, also with approval from Parks.

**Training.** As part of the grassland surveys, MIG staff will train Parks staff on field identification of native and non-native grasses observed at Carnegie SVRA. The training will be hands-on and take place during the surveys. MIG will provide a handout that will aid in field identification of grass genera.

Table 1. S	Special-status	Plants at	Carnegie SVRA.

Species Name	Status	Habitat	Occurrence Status
Santa Clara thornmint (Acanthomintha lanceolata)	4.2	Rocky areas in chaparral, cismontane woodland. Blooms March-June	Present
Douglas' fiddleneck (Amsinckia douglasiana)	4.2	Dry shale areas in grassland and cismontane woodland. Blooms March-May	Not Observed
Large-flowered fiddleneck (Amsinckia grandiflora)	FE, SE, 1B.1	Sandy rocky areas in grassland and cismontane woodland. Blooms April-May	Not Observed
California androsace (Androsace elongata ssp. acuta)	4.2	Slopes in cismontane woodland, grassland, and chaparral. Often in areas with pebbly substrate. Blooms March-June	Present
Big tarplant (Blepharizonia plumosa)	1B.1	Slopes and disturbed areas on clay in grassland. Blooms July-October	Present
Chaparral harebell (Campanula exigua)	1B.2	Rocky areas in chaparral; post-fire follower. Usually considered a serpentine endemic. Blooms May-June	Present
<b>Lemmon's jewelflower</b> (Caulanthus lemmonii)	1B.2	Pinyon-juniper woodlands and grassland Blooms March-May	Not Observed
Santa Clara red ribbons (Clarkia concinna ssp. automixa)	4.3	Shaded mesic areas in cismontane woodland. Blooms May-June	Not Observed
Hospital Canyon larkspur (Delphinium californicum ssp. interius)	1B.2	Mesic, open areas on slopes in chaparral and cismontane woodland. Blooms April-June	Present
Diamond-petaled California poppy (Eschscholzia rhombipetala)	1B.1	Alkaline clay areas in grassland. Blooms March-April	Not Observed. There is a record from 1935.
<b>Jepson's woolly sunflower</b> (Eriophyllum jepsonii)	4.3	Chaparral and cismontane woodland. Considered a serpentine endemic. Blooms April-June	Present
Stinkbells (Fritillaria agrestis)	4.2	Open areas on clay in chaparral, cismontane woodland, and grassland. Blooms March-June	Present
Phlox-leaf serpentine bedstraw (Galium andrewsii ssp. gatense)	4.2	Rocky areas in cismontane woodland and chaparral. Considered a serpentine endemic. Blooms April-July	Present
Diablo helianthella (Helianthella castanea)	1B.2	Rocky, partially shaded areas in rich soil in cismontane woodland, riparian woodland, and grassland. Blooms March-June	Not Observed
Mt. Hamilton coreopsis (Leptosyne hamiltonii)	1B.2	Rocky areas on exposed slopes in cismontane woodland. Blooms March-May	Not Observed
Sylvan scorzonella (Microseris sylvatica)	4.2	Open areas in cismontane woodland and grassland. Blooms March-June	Present
<b>Michal's rein orchid</b> (Piperia michaelii)	4.2	Shady areas in cismontane woodland; riparian woodland Blooms April-August	Present

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Species Name	Status	Habitat	Occurrence Status
California groundsel (Senecio aphanactis)	2.2	Drying, alkaline flats in cismontane woodland. Blooms January-April	Not Observed. There is a record from 1998 and 2004.

## Table 2. Native Grasses at Carnegie SVRA.

Species Name	Occurrence Status	Habitat
California brome (Bromus carinatus var. carinatus)	Observed in 2004	Grasslands within open wooded habitats. Blooms February-March
Annual hairgrass (Deschampsia danthonioides)	Present	Moist areas; wetlands. Blooms April-May
Saltgrass (Distichlis spicata)	Present	Wet alkaline flats Blooms July-August
Squirrel tail grass (Elymus elymoides var. elymoides)	Present	Open areas in grassland. Blooms April-May
Blue wildrye (Elymus glaucus ssp. glaucus)	Present	Partially shaded areas in woodland. Blooms May-July
Big squirrel tail grass (Elymus multisetus)	Present	Open areas in grassland. Blooms May-July
Alkali rye (Elymus triticoides)	Present	Mesic alkaline areas. Blooms May-June
Blue bunchgrass (Festuca idahoensis)	Observed in 2004	Open mesic areas in grassland. Blooms June-July
Annual fescue (Festuca microstachys)	Present	Open areas in grassland. Blooms April-June
Sixweeks fescue (Festuca octoflora)	Present	Open areas in grassland; fire-follower. Blooms May-June
Meadow barley (Hordeum brachyantherum ssp. brachyantherum)	Present	Open mesic areas; wetlands. Blooms June-July
June grass (Koeleria macrantha)	Present	Open areas in grassland. Blooms May-June
California melicgrass (Melica californica)	Present	Open areas on slopes in woodland area. Blooms June-August
Torrey melic (Melica torreyana)	Present	Open areas on slopes in woodland areas. Blooms May-July
Curved sicklegrass (Parapholis incurva)	Present	Wet alkaline areas; wetlands. Blooms April-June
One sided blue grass (Poa secunda ssp. secunda)	Present	Rocky slopes; fire-follower. Blooms May-June
Scribner's grass (Scribneria bolanderi)	Observed in 2004	Open areas in grassland. Blooms March-June
Nodding needlegrass (Stipa cernua)	Present	Open areas in grassland. Blooms February-July
Purple needlegrass (Stipa pulchra)	Present	Open areas in grassland. Blooms March-May

## Appendix C Photographs



**Photo 1.** Big tarweed was observed on a north-facing slope in California annual grassland. Photo taken on 15 September 2021.



**Photo 2.** Photo of typical habitat for big tarweed in California annual grassland. The grassland was dominated by non-native grasses. Photo taken on 15 September 2021.



**Photo 3.** Hospital Canyon larkspur was observed in Carrol and Kiln Canyons. Photo taken in Kiln Canyon on 22 April 2021.



**Photo 4**. Hospital Canyon larkspur was observed growing on the banks of the main drainages that flow through Kiln and Carrol Canyons. Photo of typical habitat for Hospital Canyon larkspur, taken on 22 April 2021 in Kiln Canyon.



**Photo 5.** Jepson's woolly sunflower was observed growing in the upper Franciscan Loop Trail area on 26 April 2021.



Photo 6. Jepson's woolly sunflower was observed growing in open grassy areas within California Sagebrush – Black sage Scrub Alliance and Blue Oak Woodland and Forest Alliance. Photo of typical habitat for Jepson's woolly sunflower in the California Sagebrush – Black sage Scrub Alliance, taken on 22 April 2021.



Photo 7. Santa Clara thornmint was observed growing in open, rocky areas. Photo taken on 21 April 2021.



Photo 8. Santa Clara thornmint was observed growing on steep slopes composed of decomposing hard shale substrate in the *California Sagebrush – Black sage Scrub Alliance*. Photo of typical habitat for Santa Clara thornmint, taken on 24 March 2021.

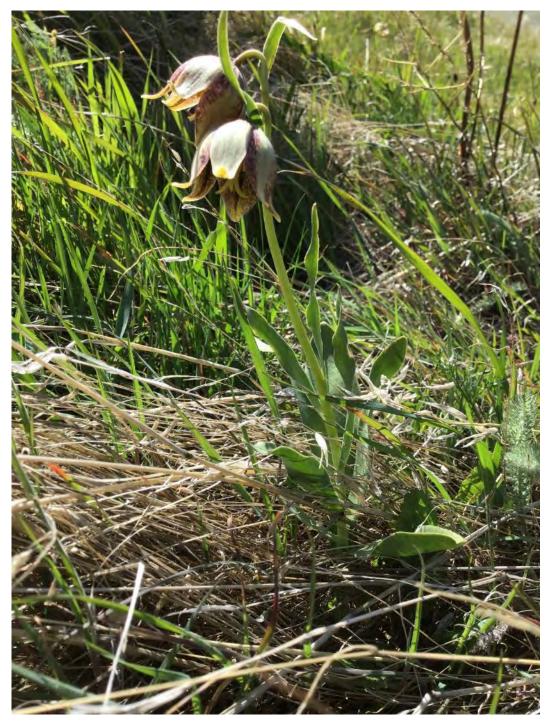


Photo 9. Stinkbells were observed growing in open grassland. Photo taken on 22 March 2021.



Photo 10. Stinkbells were observed growing on moderate to gentle, mostly north-facing slopes in the Wild Oats and Annual Brome Grasslands Semi-natural Alliance and the Nassella cernua Herbaceous Alliance (native grassland). Photo of typical habitat for stinkbells in the Wild Oats and Annual Brome Grasslands Semi-natural Alliance vegetation community, taken on 22 March 2021.

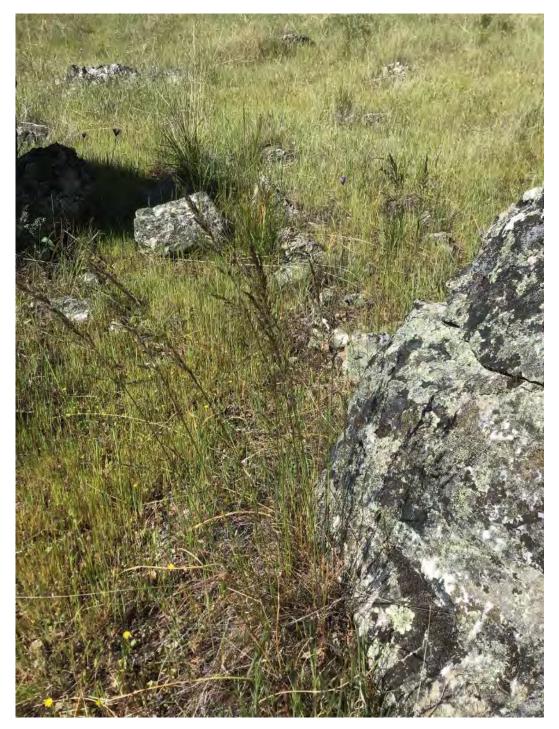
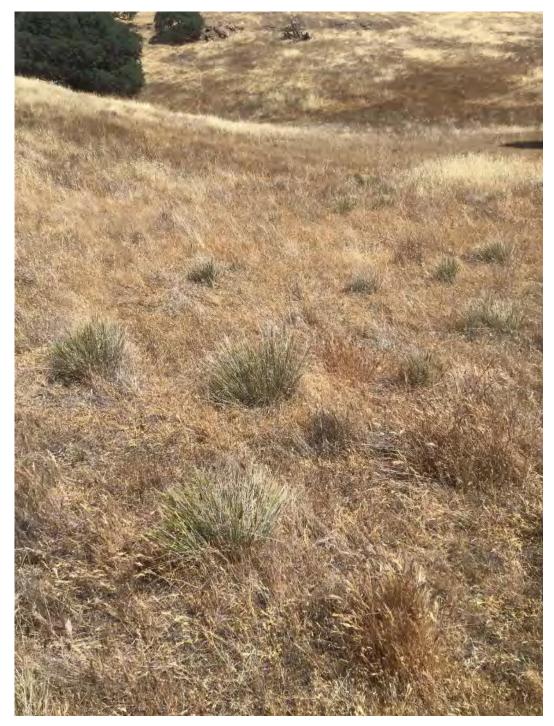


Photo 11. Poa secunda and Stipa (Nassella) cernua bunch grasses within the Nassella cernua Herbaceous Alliance vegetation community. Photo taken on 2 April 2021.



Photo 12. *Nassella cernua Herbaceous Alliance* grassland vegetation community within Carnegie SVRA. Photo taken on 24 March 2021.



**Photo 13.** Big squirreltail grass (*Elymus multisetus*), a native perennial bunchgrass, was observed in the *Nassella cernua Herbaceous Alliance* grassland vegetation community. Photo taken on 20 May 2021.

## Appendix D List of Plants Observed

Family	Species	Common Name
Adoxaceae	Sambucus nigra ssp. caerulea	blue elderberry, Mexican elderberry
Agavaceae	Chlorogalum pomeridianum var. pomeridianum	soap plant, amole
Alliaceae	Allium crispum	crinkled onion
Alliaceae	Allium serra	jeweled/serrated onion
Amaranthaceae	Amaranthus albus*	tumbleweed, white amaranth
Amaranthaceae	Amaranthus blitoides	prostrate pigweed
Anacardiaceae	Schinus molle*	Peruvian pepper tree
Anacardiaceae	Toxicodendron diversilobum	poison oak
Apiaceae	Anthriscus caucalis*	bur-chervil
Apiaceae	Daucus pusillus	rattlesnake weed
Apiaceae	Foeniculum vulgare*	sweet fennel
Apiaceae	Lomatium californicum	California lomatium, celery weed
Apiaceae	Lomatium macrocarpum	bigseed biscuitroot, large-fruited Iomatium
Apiaceae	Lomatium utriculatum	common lomatium
Apiaceae	Perideridia californica	California yampah
Apiaceae	Sanicula bipinnata	poison sanicle
Apiaceae	Sanicula bipinnatifida	purple sanicle
Apiaceae	Sanicula crassicaulis	Pacific sanicle
Apiaceae	Torilis arvensis*	field hedge parsley
Apiaceae	Torilis nodosa*	knotted hedge parsley
Apiaceae	Yabea microcarpa	California hedge parsley
Apocynaceae	Asclepias fasicularis	narrow-leaf milkweed
Asteraceae	Achillea millefolium	yarrow
Asteraceae	Achyrachaena mollis	blow wives
Asteraceae	Agoseris grandiflora var. grandiflora	large flowered agoseris
Asteraceae	Agoseris heterophylla	annual agoseris
Asteraceae	Artemisia californica	California sagebrush
Asteraceae	Artemisia douglasiana	mugwort
Asteraceae	Baccharis pilularis ssp. consanguinea	coyote brush
Asteraceae	Baccharis salicifolia ssp. salicifolia	mule fat
Asteraceae	Blepharizonia plumosa	big tarplant
Asteraceae	Brickellia californica	California brickellbush

Asteraceae	Carduus pycnocephalus*	Italian thistle
Asteraceae	Carduus tenuiflorus*	slender-flowered thistle
Asteraceae	Centaurea melitensis*	tocalote
Asteraceae	Centaurea solstitialis*	yellow star thistle
Asteraceae	Cirsium occidentale var. venustum	venus thistle
Asteraceae	Cirsium vulgare*	bull thistle
Asteraceae	Corethrogyne filaginifolia	California sand aster
Asteraceae	Deinandra lobbii	threeray tarweed
Asteraceae	Dittrichia graveolens*	stinkweed
Asteraceae	Ericameria linearifolia	narrowleaf goldenbush
Asteraceae	Erigeron bonariensis*	South American horseweed, Hairy Fleabane
Asteraceae	Erigeron canadensis	horseweed
Asteraceae	Erigeron foliosus var. franciscensis	San francisco leafy fleabane
Asteraceae	Eriophyllum confertiflorum var. confertiflorum	golden yarrow
Asteraceae	Eriophyllum jepsonii	Jepson's wolly sunflower
Asteraceae	Gnaphalium palustre	lowland cudweed
Asteraceae	Grindelia camporum	common gumplant, Great Valley gumweed
Asteraceae	Gutierrezia californica	California matchweed
Asteraceae	Helianthus californicus	California sunflower
Asteraceae	Helminthotheca echioides*	bristly ox-tongue
Asteraceae	Heterotheca oregona var. scaberrima	rough oregon goldenaster
Asteraceae	Heterotheca sessiliflora ssp. bolanderi	Bolander goldenaster
Asteraceae	Holocarpha heermannii	Heermann's tarweed
Asteraceae	Holocarpha obconica	San Joaquin tarweed
Asteraceae	Holozonia filipes	hareleaf, whitecrown
Asteraceae	Hypochaeris glabra*	smooth cat's ear
Asteraceae	Hypochaeris radicata*	common/rough cat's-ear
Asteraceae	Lactuca serriola*	prickly lettuce
Asteraceae	Lagophylla ramosissima	common hareleaf
Asteraceae	Lasthenia gracilis	Common goldfields
Asteraceae	Logfia filaginoides	California cottonrose/fluffweed
Asteraceae	Logfia gallica*	narrow leaved filago
Asteraceae	Madia gracilis	slender tarweed

Asteraceae	Matricaria discoidea*	pineapple weed
Asteraceae	Micropus californicus var. californicus	slender cottonweed, cottontop
Asteraceae	Microseris douglasii ssp. douglasii	Douglas' microseris
Asteraceae	Packera breweri	Brewer's butterweed/groundsel
Asteraceae	Pseudognaphalium luteoalbum*	weedy cudweed
Asteraceae	Senecio vulgaris*	common groundsel
Asteraceae	Silybum marianum*	milk thistle
Asteraceae	Sonchus asper ssp. asper*	prickly sow thistle
Asteraceae	Sonchus oleraceus*	common sow thistle
Asteraceae	Stebbinsoseris heterocarpa	grassland silverpuffs
Asteraceae	Uropappus lindleyi	Lindley's silverpuffs
Asteraceae	Wyethia helenioides	gray mules ears
Boraginaceae	Amsinckia intermedia	common fiddleneck
Boraginaceae	Amsinckia menziesii	Menzies' /small-flowered fiddleneck
Boraginaceae	Cynoglossum grande	hound's tongue
Boraginaceae	Emmenanthe penduliflora var. penduliflora	whispering bells
Boraginaceae	Eriodictyon californicum	yerba santa
Boraginaceae	Heliotropium curassavicum var. oculatum	seaside/salt heliotrope
Boraginaceae	Phacelia ciliata	Great Valley phacelia
Boraginaceae	Phacelia distans	distant/common phacelia
Boraginaceae	Phacelia imbricata ssp. imbricata	imbricate scorpionweed
Boraginaceae	Phacelia tanacetifolia	tansy leafed phacelia
Boraginaceae	Pholistoma membranaceum	white fiesta flower
Boraginaceae	Plagiobothrys arizonicus	Arizona popcornflower, blood weed
Boraginaceae	Plagiobothrys bracteatus	bracted popcornflower
Boraginaceae	Plagiobothrys canescens var. canescens	valley popcorn flower
Boraginaceae	Plagiobothrys nothofulvus	rusty popcorn flower
Brassicaceae	Athysanus pusillus	sand weed
Brassicaceae	Brassica rapa*	field mustard
Brassicaceae	Brassica nigra*	black mustard
Brassicaceae	Capsella bursa-pastoris*	shepherd's purse
Brassicaceae	Erysimum capitatum var. capitatum	western wallflower
Brassicaceae	Hirschfeldia incana*	summer mustard

Brassicaceae	Lepidium latifolium*	perennial pepperweed, tall white top
Brassicaceae	Lepidium nitidum	shining peppergrass
Brassicaceae	Sinapis arvensis*	charlock
Brassicaceae	Sisymbrium irio*	London rocket
Brassicaceae	Sisymbrium orientale*	oriental mustard
Brassicaceae	Thysanocarpus curvipes	lacepod/fringe pod, ribbed fringepod
Caprifoliaceae	Lonicera subspicata var. denudata	southern honeysuckle
Caryophyllaceae	Spergularia rubra*	red sand spurrey
Caryophyllaceae	Stellaria media*	common chickweed
Chenopodiaceae	Chenopodium album*	lambsquarters, white goosefoot
Chenopodiaceae	Chenopodium californicum	California goosefoot
Chenopodiaceae	Chenopodium murale*	nettleleaf/wall goosefoot
Chenopodiaceae	Salsola tragus*	Russian thistle, tumbleweed
Convolvulaceae	Calystegia purpurata ssp. purpurata	climbing morning-glory
Convolvulaceae	Convolvulus arvensis*	field bindweed, orchard morningglory
Cucurbitaceae	Marah fabaceus	California man-root
Cupressaceae	Juniperus californica	California juniper
Ericaceae	Arctostaphylos glauca	bigberry manzanita
Euphorbiaceae	Croton setiger	turkey mullein, dove weed
Fabaceae	Acmispon brachycarpus	hill lotus, foothill deervetch, maresfat
Fabaceae	Acmispon wrangelianus	California/calf lotus, Chilean trefoil
Fabaceae	Astragalus asymmetricus	San Joaquin milkvetch
Fabaceae	Astragalus gambelianus	Gambell's dwarf milkvetch
Fabaceae	Lathyrus vestitus var. vestitus	common Pacific pea
Fabaceae	Lupinus albifrons var. albifrons	silver bush lupine
Fabaceae	Lupinus bicolor	miniature/bicolor lupine, Lindley's annual lupine
Fabaceae	Lupinus microcarpus var. densiflorus	dense flowered platycarpos, chick lupine
Fabaceae	Lupinus microcarpus var. microcarpus	valley lupine
Fabaceae	Lupinus succulentus	arroyo lupine
Fabaceae	Medicago polymorpha*	burclover
Fabaceae	Medicago sativa*	alfalfa
Fabaceae	Prosopis velutina*	velvet mesquite
Fabaceae	Trifolium albopurpureum	rancheria clover

Fabaceae	Trifolium depauperatum var. amplectens	pale sack clover
Fabaceae	Trifolium depauperatum var. depauperatum	dwarf sack clover, cowbag clover
Fabaceae	Trifolium depauperatum var. truncatum	truncate sack clover
Fabaceae	Trifolium hirtum*	rose clover
Fabaceae	Trifolium variegatum var. variegatum	white tipped clover
Fabaceae	Trifolium willdenovii	tomcat clover
Fabaceae	Vicia sativa ssp. sativa*	common/ spring vetch
Fabaceae	Vicia villosa ssp. villosa*	hairy/wooly/winter vetch
Fagaceae	Quercus agrifolia var. agrifolia	coast live oak
Fagaceae	Quercus douglasii	blue oak
Fagaceae	Quercus lobata	valley oak
Frankeniaceae	Frankenia salina	alkali heath
Geraniaceae	Erodium botrys*	broad-leaved filaree
Geraniaceae	Erodium brachycarpum*	shortfruit stork's bill
Geraniaceae	Erodium cicutarium*	red-stemmed filaree
Geraniaceae	Erodium moschatum*	white-stemmed/greenstem filaree
Geraniaceae	Geranium dissectum*	cut-leaved geranium
Geraniaceae	Geranium molle*	dove's foot geranium
Grossulariaceae	Ribes aureum var. gracillimum	golden current
Grossulariaceae	Ribes malvaceum var. malvaceum	chaparral current
Grossulariaceae	Ribes quercetorum	oak gooseberry
Iridaceae	Sisyrinchium bellum	blue-eyed grass
Juglandaceae	Juglans hindsii*	Northern California black walnut
Lamiaceae	Acanthomintha lanceolata1	Santa Clara thornmint
Lamiaceae	Marrubium vulgare*	horehound
Lamiaceae	Monardella villosa ssp. villosa	coyote mint
Lamiaceae	Pogogyne serpylloides	thyme-leaf pogogyne/mesamint
Lamiaceae	Salvia columbariae	chia
Lamiaceae	Salvia mellifera	black sage
Lamiaceae	Scutellaria tuberosa	Danny's skullcap
Lamiaceae	Stachys albens	whitestem/cobwebby hedge nettle
Lamiaceae	Trichostema lanceolatum	vinegarweed
Liliaceae	Calochortus albus	white globe lily, fairy lantern

Liliaceae	Calochortus luteus	yellow mariposa lily
Liliaceae	Calochortus venustus	butterfly mariposa lily
Liliaceae	Fritillaria agrestis	stinkbells
Malvaceae	Malacothamnus fremontii	Fremont's bush mallow
Malvaceae	Malva nicaeensis*	bull mallow
Malvaceae	Malva parviflora*	cheeseweed
Montiaceae	Calandrinia menziesii	redmaids
Montiaceae	Claytonia perfoliata ssp. perfoliata	miner's lettuce
Myrsinaceae	Anagallis arvensis*	scarlet pimpernel
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus globulus*	blue gum
Oleaceae	Forestiera pubescens	desert olive
Onagraceae	Clarkia affinis	chaparral clarkia
Onagraceae	Clarkia purpurea ssp. quadrivulnera	four-spot/winecup clarkia
Onagraceae	Epilobium brachycarpum	panicled/autumn willowherb
Onagraceae	Epilobium canum ssp. canum	California fuchsia
Orobanchaceae	Castilleja affinis ssp. affinis	indian paintbrush
Orobanchaceae	Castilleja exserta ssp. exserta	purple owl's clover
Orobanchaceae	Castilleja foliolosa	woolly indian paintbrush
Oxalidaceae	Oxalis pes-caprae*	Bermuda buttercup
Papaveraceae	Eschscholzia californica	California poppy
Papaveraceae	Papaver heterophyllum	wind poppy
Phrymaceae	Diplacus aurantiacus var.aurantiacus	sticky/bush monkeyflower
Phrymaceae	Erythranthe guttata	common monkeyflower
Pinaceae	Pinus sabiniana	ghost/gray/foothill pine
Plantaginaceae	Collinsia heterophylla	Chinese houses
Plantaginaceae	Collinsia sparsiflora var. collina	hillside collinsia, spinster's blue eyed mary
Plantaginaceae	Plantago erecta	California plantain
Plantaginaceae	Plantago lanceolata*	English plantain
Platanaceae	Platanus racemosa	western sycamore
Poaceae	Aira caryophyllea*	silver hair grass
Poaceae	Avena barbata*	slender wild oat
Poaceae	Avena fatua*	wild oat
Poaceae	Brachypodium distachyon*	annual/purple false brome
Poaceae	Bromus diandrus*	ripgut brome

Poaceae	Bromus hordeaceus*	soft chess
Poaceae	Bromus madritensis ssp. madritensis*	Spanish brome
Poaceae	Bromus madritensis ssp. rubens*	foxtail chess, red brome
Poaceae	Cynodon dactylon*	bermuda grass
Poaceae	Distichlis spicata	saltgrass
Poaceae	Elymus caput-medusae*	medusa head
Poaceae	Elymus elymoides var. elymoides	squirrel tail
Poaceae	Elymus glaucus ssp. glaucus	blue wildrye
Poaceae	Elymus multisetus	big squirrel tail
Poaceae	Festuca microstachys	annual fescue
Poaceae	Festuca myuros*	rat-tail fescue
Poaceae	Festuca perennis*	rye grass
Poaceae	Hordeum brachyantherum ssp. brachyantherum	meadow barley
Poaceae	Hordeum murinum ssp. leporinum*	barnyard/farmer's foxtail, foxtail barley
Poaceae	Koeleria macrantha	junegrass
Poaceae	Poa annua*	annual bluegrass
Poaceae	Poa bulbosa*	bulbous bluegrass
Poaceae	Poa secunda ssp. secunda	one-sided/pine bluegrass
Poaceae	Stipa cernua	nodding needlegrass
Poaceae	Stipa pulchra	purple needlegrass
Polemoniaceae	Gilia achilleifolia ssp. achilleifolia	California gilia
Polemoniaceae	Gilia capitata ssp. staminea	bluehead/globe gilia
Polemoniaceae	Gilia clivorum	purplespot gilia
Polemoniaceae	Gilia tricolor ssp. diffusa	bird's eye gilia
Polemoniaceae	Leptosiphon androsaceus	common linanthus
Polemoniaceae	Microsteris gracilis	slender phlox
Polemoniaceae	Navarretia pubescens	blue navarretia, downy pincushionplant
Polygonaceae	Chorizanthe membranacea	pink spineflower
Polygonaceae	Eriogonum fasciculatum var. foliolosum	California buckwheat
Polygonaceae	Eriogonum fasciculatum var. polifolium	California/Mojave buckwheat
Polygonaceae	Eriogonum gracile var. gracile	slender woolly buckwheat
Polygonaceae	Eriogonum nudum var. pauciflorum	little flower wild buckwheat
Polygonaceae	Eriogonum roseum	virgate/wand buckwheat

Polygonaceae	Eriogonum wrightii var. subscaposum	Wright's buckwheat, bastardsage
Polygonaceae	Polygonum aviculare ssp. depressum*	common knotweed
Polygonaceae	Rumex conglomeratus*	green/clustered dock
Polygonaceae	Rumex crispus*	curly dock
Polygonaceae	Rumex californicus	California dock
Polypodiaceae	Polypodium californicum	California polypody
Primulaceae	Primula hendersonii	mosquito bills, Henderson's shooting star
Pteridaceae	Pellaea andromedifolia	coffee fern
Pteridaceae	Pellaea mucronata var. mucronata	bird's foot fern
Pteridiaceae	Adiantum jordanii	California maidenhair
Pteridiaceae	Pentagramma triangularis ssp. triangularis	goldback fern
Ranunculaceae	Clematis lasiantha	chaparral clematis, pipestem
Ranunculaceae	Delphinium californicum ssp. interius	Hospital Canyon larkspur
Ranunculaceae	Delphinium hesperium ssp. hesperium	western/coast larkspur
Ranunculaceae	Delphinium nudicaule	canyon larkspur
Ranunculaceae	Ranunculus californicus var. californicus	California buttercup
Rhamnaceae	Frangula californica ssp. californica	California coffeeberry
Rhamnaceae	Rhamnus crocea	spiny redberry
Rhamnaceae	Rhamnus ilicifolia	hollyleaf redberry
Rosaceae	Cercocarpus betuloides var. betuloides	birchleaf mountain mahogany
Rosaceae	Heteromeles arbutifolia	toyon, Christmas berry
Rosaceae	Rosa californica	California wildrose
Rubiaceae	Galium aparine	goose grass, bedstraw
Rubiaceae	Galium murale*	tiny bedstraw
Rubiaceae	Galium parisiense*	wall bedstraw
Rubiaceae	Galium porrigens var. porrigens	climbing bedstraw
Salicaceae	Populus fremontii ssp. fremontii	Fremont cottonwood
Salicaceae	Salix laevigata	red willow
Salicaceae	Salix lasiolepis	arroyo willow
Sapindaceae	Aesculus californica	California buckeye
Saxifragaceae	Micranthes californica	California saxifrage
Scrophulariaceae	Scrophularia californica	California figwort, bee plant
Scrophulariaceae	Triphysaria eriantha ssp. eriantha	Jonny-tuck, butter 'n' eggs

Simaroubaceae	Ailanthus altissima*	tree of heaven
Solanaceae	Datura wrightii	tolguacha, toluaca, sacred thornapple
Solanaceae	Nicotiana glauca*	tree tobacco
Solanaceae	Solanum americanum	common/small flowered nightshade
Solanaceae	Solanum umbelliferum	blue witch
Themidaceae	Dichelostemma capitatum ssp. capitatum	blue dicks
Themidaceae	Triteleia laxa	Ithuriel's spear
Valeriaceae	Plectritis ciliosa	long-spurred plectritis
Valeriaceae	Plectritis macrocera	long horned/white plectritis
Verbenaceae	Verbena lasiostachys var. scabrida	western verbena
Violaceae	Viola pedunculata	Johnny-jump-up, California golden violet
Visaceae	Arceuthobium campylopodum	Western dwarf mistletoe
Viscaceae	Phoradendron leucarpum ssp. tomentosum	oak mstletoe
Zygophyllaceae	Tribulus terrestris*	punture vine