Ranking Codes
Unusual Plants of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties
California Native Plant Society - East Bay Chapter
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*A:* Statewide listed rare plants occurring in Alameda and Contra Costa counties
(Protected by CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act))
(Includes species ranked *A1, *A2, *A1x, and *A?)

(Note: Several *A2 ranked species have multiple populations in the two counties, but are rare in the rest of the state, thus meeting the criteria of Small Geographical Range.)

A1: 1 to 3 current populations in Alameda and Contra Costa counties,
or up to 6 populations if meet other criteria
(Protected by CEQA)

A2: 4 to 6 current populations in Alameda and Contra Costa counties,
or up to 9 populations if meet other criteria
(Protected by CEQA)

A1x: No current, naturally occurring populations in Alameda or Contra Costa county,
but historical populations known from one or both counties
(Protected by CEQA)

A1?: Plants that may possibly occur in Alameda and Contra Costa counties,
but questions about their identification or location

Watch List
B: 7 to 12 current populations in Alameda and Contra Costa counties,
or up to 16 populations if meet other criteria
(or more in a few species with aging populations with minimal regeneration)
(Note protected by CEQA)

C: 10 to 25 current populations, but potential threats
or, if more than 25 populations, still having potential threats.
(Note protected by CEQA)

Criteria
Aging populations with minimal regeneration
Declining
Disjunct
Fire Follower
Limited and Threatened Habitat
Narrow range in the two-county area
Number of Regions
Range Limit
Small geographical range
Small populations
Stressed, such as weed invasion, development, grazing, trampling, water course changes, insect invasion, etc.

**NOTE:** Only current, naturally occurring populations are considered when determining rank. No historical or planted populations are included. Also, populations with a questionable identification are not included.