

## Ranking Codes

### Unusual Plants of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties California Native Plant Society - East Bay Chapter (Revised - October 15, 2020)

- \*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?)
- A1: 1 to 3 current populations in Alameda and Contra Costa counties,  
or up to 5 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)  
(**Not** protected by CEQA)
- C: 10 to 25 current populations, but potential threats  
or, if more than 25 populations, still having potential threats.  
(**Not** 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.