**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?)

**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
- Range Limit
- Number of Regions
- 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.