

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.