

Report for *Astragalus albens*

TAXON DETAILS

Classification

Scientific Name	<i>Astragalus albens</i> Greene
Common Name	Cushenbury milk-vetch
Family	Fabaceae
Element Code	PDFAB0F0A0
USDA Plants Symbol	<u>ASAL4</u>
Synonyms/Other Names	

Conservation Status

California Rare Plant Rank	1B.1
Global Rank	G1
State Rank	S1
CESA	None
FESA	08/24/94 (08/24/94)
Other Status	SB_CalBG/RSABG
CRPR Changes	
Date Added	1974-01-01
Last Update	2024-01-02

Ecology and Life History

Lifeform	perennial herb
Blooming Period	Mar-Jun
Elevation m (ft)	1095-2000 (3595-6560)
General Habitats	Joshua tree "woodland", Mojavean desert scrub, Pinyon and juniper woodland
Microhabitat Details	
Microhabitat	Carbonate (usually), Granitic (rarely)

Threat List Data from the CNDDDB

Threat List Total:		9
	Total EOs	Percent EOs
EOs with Threats Listed	18	78%
Threat List:		
Mining	14	60%
ORV activity	9	39%
Road/trail construction/maint.	7	30%
Vandalism/dumping/litter	3	13%
Foot traffic/trampling	2	8%
Grazing	2	8%
Other	2	8%
Recreational use (non-ORV)	2	8%
Development	1	4%

Element Occurrence Data from the CNDDDB

Total Element Occurrences:	23
Element Occurrence Ranks:	
Excellent (A)	2
Good (B)	9
Fair (C)	5
Poor (D)	0
None (X)	0
Unknown (U)	7
Occurrence Status	
Historical, > 20 years	14
Recent, < 20 years	9
Presence	
Presumed Extant	23
Possibly Extirpated	0
Presumed Extirpated	0

Location

California Endemic	Yes
Counties	
San Bernardino (SBD)	
States	
California (CA)	
Quads	
Big Bear City (3411637), Cougar Buttes (3411647), Fawnskin (3411638), Rattlesnake Canyon (3411636)	

Notes

Definitions of codes preceding a county and/or quad:

* Presumed extirpated

(*) Possibly extirpated

Species may be present in other areas where conditions are favorable. These data should NOT be substituted for pre-project review or for on-site surveys.

Notes

See *Bulletin of the California Academy of Sciences* 1:156 (1885) for original description, and *Fremontia* 16(1):20-21 (1988) for discussion of mining threats.

Threats

Threatened by carbonate mining, grazing, energy development, road construction, and vehicles.

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Selected References

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