



CNPS Inventory of Rare Plants



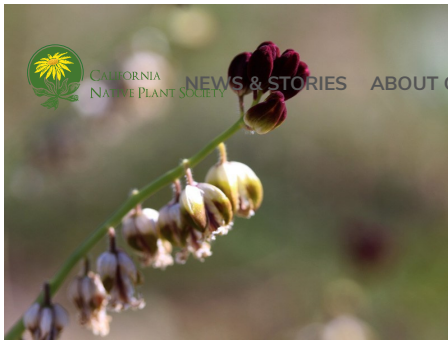
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The CNPS Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants is a widely-recognized resource that directly guides rare plant protection, conservation planning, and land acquisition and management in California. CNPS published the first edition of its Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants in 1974, and published its last print edition (V. 6) in 2001. In 2001, the Inventory switched to being online (V. 7, developed and maintained by Larry Levine), and is currently in its 8th edition.

Today, the 8th edition is available online, where conservationists, consultants, planners, researchers, and resource managers use it on a daily basis to help educate landowners and public policy makers about the importance of rare plant stewardship and conservation. Individuals preparing environmental documents California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review often use the Inventory to determine the potential for resource conflicts and to develop project-specific lists of rare plants to target during botanical surveys. Conservationists and resource managers use the same information to review environmental documents and prepare public testimony to influence decision-makers.

Inventory Details

California Rare Plant Ranks	+
Considered but rejected taxa	+
Taxa not included in the inventory and why	+
Postponed taxa	+
Interpreting lists from past editions in relation to California Rare Plant Ranks	+



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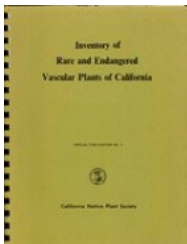


Online Inventory

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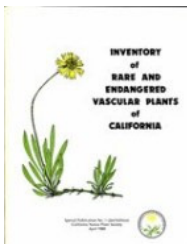
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Previous Editions



1st Edition 

(1974)



2nd Edition 

(1980)

Supplement 1 

(1981)

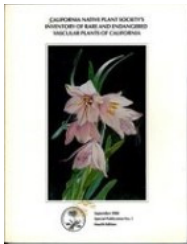
Supplement 2 

(1982)



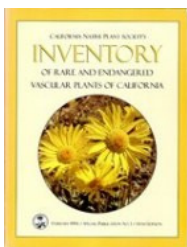
3rd Edition 

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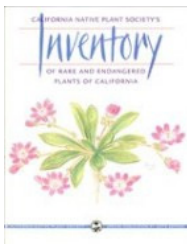
4th Edition 

(1988)



5th Edition 



(1994)




6th Edition 

(2001)

Lichens of Conservation Concern

In collaboration with the [California Lichen Society's](#)  (CAL S) Conservation Committee, the CNPS Rare Plant Program began including [Lichens of Conservation Concern](#)  in the CNPS Inventory in 2014.

As with vascular and non-vascular plants in the Inventory, the CNPS Rare Plant Program updates and maintains information on rare lichens through contributions from botanists along with the review of data submitted to the [CNDDB](#) . Unlike vascular and

non-vascular plants, however, additions and status changes to lichens in the Inventory

based on the CALS Conservation Committee's [sponsorship process](#) instead of the [Raise Plant Status Review Process](#). For additional information about Lichens of

Conservation Concern, please view their sponsorships available on the [CALS website](#), as well as the data provided on them in the [Online Inventory](#).



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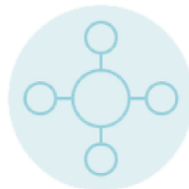
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