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# Re: Biological Resource Assessment Addendum Rare Plant Assessment and Botanical Survey

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## **Survey Objectives:**

Rare plant assessments and botanical surveys are conducted to maximize the likelihood of locating rare, threatened, or endangered plants and plant communities that may be present within a Study Area. Survey findings are useful in assessing the potential for significant adverse impacts on botanical resources and critical in mitigating those impacts. If special-status plant species are located during a survey, mitigation measures will be recommended to avoid or minimized damage to the species.

The Rare Plant Assessment and Botanical Survey for the City of Ukiah constitutes a seasonally appropriate floristic survey and was conducted during appropriate blooming periods for all potentially occurring rare plant species within a nine-quad scoping range of the project area. Every plant taxon encountered during the survey was identified to the taxonomic level necessary to determine rarity and listing status. Habitat requirements for special-status species and their potential to occur within the Study Area are discussed in Appendix A: Table of Potential for Special-Status Plants and Wildlife within the Study Area, of the Biological Resource Assessment.

The survey employs the methods and guidance outlined in the *Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Natural Communities* (CDFW 2018). The Study Area referred to in this report includes areas shown in the Biological Resource Assessment Figure 2: Biological Assessment Map, Aerial.

### **Botanical Survey Results:**

Field surveys within the Study Area were conducted on 03/30/2021 by Miles Hartnett, Staff Biologist/Botanist and Becca Cosmero, Environmental Technician. Jacobszoon and Associates Environmental Technician, Becca Cosmero conducted field surveys on 5/17/2021 and 7/9/2021. Survey protocol was based on *Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Natural Communities* (CDFW 2018). An intuitively controlled, seasonally appropriate, floristic survey was performed, which was moderate in coverage density (60-80%) in the potential rare plant habitat areas.

A complete list of all plant species observed within the Study Area during the Botanical Survey is included in Table 1: List of Observed Taxa within the Study Area. Plants listed in Table 1 were identified using The Jepson Manual: Vascular Plants of California 2nd Edition (Baldwin et al. 2012) to the taxonomic level necessary to determine rarity. The names provided in the Rare Plant Assessment and Botanical Survey follow The Jepson Flora Project.



The Rare Plant Assessment and Botanical Survey identified a total of 96 plant taxa within the Study Area including both native and introduced species. (Table 1: List of Observed Taxa). Of the 96 species observed, none were special-status, rare, threatened, or endangered species.

Table 1: List of Observed Taxa within the Study Area

Species name	Common name
Acer macrophyllum	bigleaf maple
Acmispon brachycarpus	Short-podded lotus
Adenostoma fasciculatum	chamise
Adiantum jordanii	maiden hair fern
Aesculus californica	California buckeye
Arbutus menziesii	Pacific madrone
Arctostaphylos canescens ssp. canescens	hoary manzanita
Arctostaphylos glandulosa	Eastwood manzanita
Arctostaphylos glandulosa ssp. glandulosa	Eastwood manzanita
Arctostaphylos glauca	Bigberry manzanita
Arctostaphylos manzanita ssp. manzanita	common manzanita
Arctostaphylos patula	greenleaf manzanita
Baccharis pilularis	coyote bush
Calochortus tolmiei	pussy ears
Cardamine californica	milk maids
Cardamine hirsuta	hairy bittercress
Cardamine oligosperma	Idaho bittercress
Ceanothus cuneatus var. cuneatus	buckbrush
Ceanothus foliosus var. foliosus	wavyleaf ceanothus
Centaurea melitensis	Maltese star-thistle
Cerastium glomeratum	mouseear chickweed
Cercocarpus betuloides	mountain mahogany
Chlorogalum pomeridianum	Wavy leaf soaproot
Claytonia perfoliata	miner's lettuce
Collomia heterophylla	variable leaf collomia
Crocanthemum scoparium	peak rushrose
Cynoglossum grande	Pacific houndstongue
Cynosurus echinatus	bristly dogtail
Delphinium nudicaule	red larkspur
Dichelostemma capitatum	blue dicks
Dichelostemma ida-maia	firecracker flower
Diplacus aurantiacus	sticky monkeyflower
Dittrichia graveolens	stinkwort



Species name	Common name
Dryopteris arguta	California wood fern
Elymus glaucus	blue wild rye
Eriophyllum lanatum	common woolly sunflower
Erythronium californicum	California fawn lily
Euphorbia oblongata	eggleaf spurge
Festuca arundinacea	tall fescue
Festuca microstachys	small fescue
Festuca perennis	Italian rye
Festuca temulenta	darnel
Galium aparine	cleavers
Galium bolanderi	Bolander's bedstraw
Gastridium phleoides	nit grass
Genista monspessulana	french broom
Geranium molle	woodland geranium
Hesperolinon	dwarf-flax
Heteromeles arbutifolia	toyon
Hieracium spp	hawkweed
Holodiscus discolor	oceanspray
Hordeum brachyantherum	common barley
Hypericum concinnum	goldwire
Iris macrosiphon	ground iris
Lithophragma affine	common woodland star
Lonicera hispidula	pink honeysuckle
Luzula comosa	hairy wood rush
Lysimachia latifolia	Pacific star flower
Madia gracilis	grassy tarweed
Marrubium vulgare	white horehound
Micranthes californica	Greene's saxifrage
Micropus californicus	Q tips
Nemophila heterophylla	small baby blue eyes
Notholithocarpus densiflorus	tanoak
Pedicularis densiflora	warrior's plume
Pentagramma triangularis	goldenback fern
Phacelia imbricata	mountain phacelia
Pinus attenuata	knobcone pine
Plagiobothrys tenellus	slender popcorn flower
Polygala californica	California milkwort
Polypodium glycyrrhiza	licorice fern
Polystichum munitum	western sword fern
Primula hendersonii	Henderson's shooting star
Pseudotsuga menziesii	Douglas-fir



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Pteridium aquilinum var. pubescens	bracken fern
Quercus berberidifolia	scrub oak
Quercus garryana	Oregon white oak
Quercus kelloggii	California black oak
Quercus parvula var. shrevei	Shreve oak
Quercus wislizeni var. wislizeni	interior live oak
Ranunculus occidentalis	western buttercup
Rosa gymnocarpa	wood rose
Sanicula crassicaulis	Pacific sanicle
Scutellaria tuberosa	blue skullcap
Sequoia sempervirens	redwood
Sidalcea diploscypha	fringed checkerbloom
Symphoricarpos albus	snowberry
Tauschia spp.	umbrellawort
Torreya californica	California nutmeg
Toxicodendron diversilobum	poison oak
Trifolium hirtum	rose clover
Trifolium microcephalum	small headed clover
Umbellularia californica	bay laurel
Vicia americana	American vetch
Whipplea modesta	modesty
Wyethia glabra	smooth mule ears

No special status plant species were observed during the Rare Plant Assessment and Botanical Survey.

## **Recommendations:**

No special status plant species were observed during the Rare Plant Assessment and Botanical Survey.

There are no recommendations for special status plant species at this time.



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Becca Cosmero is an environmental technician at Jacobszoon and Associates Inc. with three years of professional experience in fisheries management, biological monitoring, and ecological restoration. She received a Bachelor's of Science in Biology with an emphasis in Ecology and Evolutionary Studies from the University of California, Merced in 2018. Prior to working with Jacobszoon and Associates Inc., Ms. Cosmero has worked with FISHBIO to monitor and study predator populations threatening salmonids within the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers, Sequoia Ecological Consulting as an on-call biologist conducting compliance monitoring, and Grassroots Ecology as an AmeriCorps intern. She received a Rare Plant and Vegetation Sampling certificate from the California Native Plant Society in March 2019 and holds a Rare Plant Voucher Collecting Permit through CDFW (No. 2081 a-21-076-V).

Sincerely,

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