

Identification Guide to the Rare Plants of San Mateo County Parks



Chorizandra var. *chorizandra*
Chorizandra flower

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Found at: San Bruno Mountain, Crystal Springs
Notes: Associated with chaparral, coastal scrub.
Blooms March-June. CNPS List 1B



Coast rock cress
Arabis blepharophylla

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Found at: San Bruno Mountain
Notes: Associated with oak woodland, chaparral,
coastal scrub, coastal prairie. Blooms Feb-May.
CNPS List 1B



Coast yellow leptosiphon
Leptosiphon croceus



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Found at: Fitzgerald

Notes: VERY RARE . Associated with Coastal bluff scrub, coastal prairie, Blooms in May. CNPS List 1B

Found at: Edgewood
Notes: found in heavy clay soils, serpentine grasslands, oak woodlands, coastal scrub. Blooms February–April. CNPS 1B.

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Fragrant fritillary
Fritillaria liliacea

Diablo helianthella
Helianthella castanea



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Found at: San Bruno Mountain

Notes: Perennial sunflower associated with oak woodlands, coastal scrub, valley and foothill grasslands. Blooms April–June. CNPS 1B.

Notes: Shrub associated with maritime chaparral, coastal scrub. Blooms January-March. CNPS 1B

Found at: San Pedro and San Bruno Mountain

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Montara manzanita
Arctostaphylos montanaensis

King's Mountain manzanita
Arctostaphylos regismontana



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Found at: Edgewood
Notes: Associated with mixed conifer-oak woodlands, chaparral on granite and sandstone soils. Blooms January-April. CNPS 1B.

Marin dwarf western flax
Hesperolinon congestum



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Found at: Edgewood
Notes: Associated with valley and foothill grasslands, chaparral on serpentine soils. Blooms April-July. CNPS 1B.

Notes: Associated with coniferous forests, meadows and seeps, riparian scrub. Blooms March-May. CNPS 1B
 Found at: San Bruno Mountain

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San Francisco collinsia
Collinsia multicolor

Notes: State Listed- ENDANGERED. Shrub associated with chaparral, coastal scrub, on rocky soils. Blooms Feb-May. CNPS List 1B.

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San Bruno Mountain manzanita
Arctostaphylos imbricata

Pacific ninebark
Physocarpus capitatus



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Found at: Crystal Springs

Notes: Locally uncommon, no state or federal status. Shrub associated with moist banks, coniferous forests. Blooms June-July.



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Notes: VERY RARE. Associated with coastal bluff scrub, chaparral, coastal prairies, valley and foothill grasslands. Prefers sandy soils. CNPS 1B, Blooms March–August.

Found at: San Bruno Mountain

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San Francisco campion
Silene verecunda ssp. *verecunda*

San Francisco Bay spineflower
Chorizanthe cuspidata var. *cuspidata*



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Found at: San Bruno Mountain

Notes: Associated with coastal dunes, coastal prairie, coastal scrub on sandy soils. Blooms May–August. CNPS list 1B.

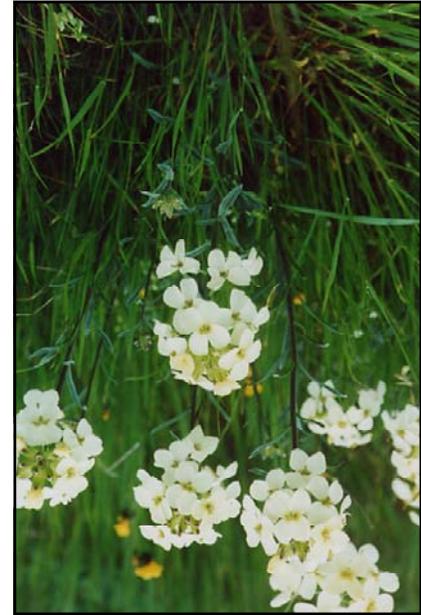
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San Francisco gumplant
Grindelia hirsutula var. *maritima*

Found at: San Bruno Mountain
Notes: Associated with coastal bluff scrub, coastal scrub, valley and foothill grasslands, sandy or serpentine soils.
Blooms August–September, CNPS 1B.

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San Francisco wallflower
Erysimum franciscanum

Found at: San Bruno Mountain
Notes: Short-lived perennial associated with rock cliffs and rocky substrates in chaparral, coastal dune, coastal scrub, coastal grassland habitats. Blooms March–June. CNPS List 4.

San Francisco lessingia
Lessingia germanorum



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Found at: San Bruno Mountain
Notes: STATE AND FEDERALLY LISTED AS ENDANGERED
Very rare. Associated with coastal scrub (remnant dunes).
Blooms June–November. CNPS List 1B.

San Francisco owl's clover
Triphysaria floribunda



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Found at: Historically reported from San Bruno Mountain, but not seen since 1960's.
Notes: Associated with coastal prairie, coastal grassland, valley and foothill grassland, prefers serpentine. Flowers April–June. CNPS 1B.

Found at: Crystal Springs and Edgewood
 STATE AND FEDERALLY LISTED ENDANGERED
 Notes: VERY RARE. Associated with valley and foothill
 grasslands, prefers serpentine soils, Blooms March-May.
 CNPS List 1B.

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White-rayed pentachaeta
Pentachaeta bellidiflora

Found at: Crystal Springs, Edgewood and San Pedro
 Notes: Small tree associated with mesic sites in mixed wood-
 land, oak and conifer forests, chaparral, riparian scrub and ripar-
 ian woodlands. Blooms January-April. CNPS 1B



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Western leatherwood
Dirca occidentalis

San Mateo thornmint
Acanthomintha duttonii



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Found at: Edgewood
 STATE AND FEDERALLY ENDANGERED
 Notes: Very rare. Associated with chaparral, valley and foothill
 grasslands on serpentine soils. Blooms April-June.

Serpentine linanthus
Linanthus ambiguus



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Found at: Edgewood
 Notes: Associated with mixed woodlands, oak woodlands,
 coastal scrub, valley and foothill grasslands. Prefers serpentine
 soils. Blooms March-June. CNPS 1B.

Woolly-headed lessingia
Lessingia hololeuca



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Found at: Edgewood

Notes: Mixed oak woodland, coniferous forest, coastal scrub, valley and foothill grasslands. Prefers serpentine, clay soil. Blooms June–October. CNPS List 3.

Photos were not available for the following plants:

Arcuate bush mallow (*Malacothamnus arcuatus*)

Found at: Edgewood

Notes: Shrub associated with chaparral. Blooms :April–September. CNPS List 1B

Crystal Springs lessingia (*Lessingia arachniodea*)

Found at :Crystal Springs

Notes: Associated with mixed woodlands, oak woodlands, valley and foothill grasslands, coastal scrub on serpentine soils. Blooms July–Oct. CNPS List 1B.

Crystal Springs flax (*Hesperolinon spergulinum*)

Found at: Crystal Springs

Notes: Locally rare. No state or federal status. Associated with chaparral, edges of woodlands, prefers serpentine soils. Blooms; May–July.

Santa Cruz cypress (*Cupressus abramsiana*)

Found at: San Pedro

Notes: State and federally listed Endangered. Tree associated with coniferous forests, chaparral, prefers sandstone and granitic soils. Evergreen tree. CNPS List 1B.

Santa Cruz Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos andersonii*)

Found at: Crystal Springs

Notes: Shrub associated with oak–conifer forests, chaparral, found in openings and along ridges. Blooms Nov–April. CNPS 1B.