FLESHY OWL'S-CLOVER (CASTILLEJA CAMPESTRIS SUCCULENTA)

Federal/California status: Threatened/Endangered California Native Plant Society List 1B



Description

Fleshy owl's clover is a succulent annual in the snapdragon family (Scrophulariaceae). It is 2 to 10 inches (5 to 25 cm) tall and has brittle, succulent or fleshy leaves. Bright yellow to white flowers with maroon markings appear in May.

Habitat

Fleshy owl's clover grows in beds of vernal pools in valley grasslands in the eastern San Joaquin Valley. Associated species include San Joaquin Valley Orcutt grass (Orcuttia inaequalis), hairy Orcutt grass (O. pilosa), Boggs Lake hedge-hyssop (Gratiola heterosepala), and spiny-sepaled button-celery (Eryngium spinosepalum).

Range/distribution

Fleshy owl's clover covers ranges 66 miles (106 km), extending through northern Fresno, western Madera, eastern Merced, southeastern San Joaquin, and Stanislaus counties. One population occurs on lands managed by Bureau of Reclamation.

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