DRAFT Endangered, Threatened, and Candidate Species Manual

HOOVER'S SPURGE (CHAMAESYCE HOOVERI)

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



Description

Hoover's spurge is an annual herb of the spurge family (Euphorbiaceae) which forms flat, ground-hugging mats a few inches to a few feet across. Stems are fragile, leaves are gray-green, opposite and rounded to kidney-shaped with small white teeth around the leaf margins. Single tiny white flowers are found in leaf axils (where the leaf meets the stem) and appear in July and August.

Habitat

Hoover's spurge is found in the dried beds of vernal pools along a stretch of 240 miles (386 km) on the eastern side of the Central Valley and in the trough of the valley.

Range/distribution

Within the project area, populations occur in Glenn, Butte, Merced, Stanislaus, Tehama, and Tulare counties.

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