



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Sacramento Fish & Wildlife Office  
Species Account  
CHINESE CAMP BRODIAEA  
*Brodiaea pallida*



**CLASSIFICATION:** Threatened

Federal Register Notice 63:49022; September 14, 1998

[www.fws.gov/ecos/ajax/docs/federal\\_register/fr3303.pdf](http://www.fws.gov/ecos/ajax/docs/federal_register/fr3303.pdf) (114 KB)

**STATE LISTING STATUS AND CNPS CODE:**

The species was listed as endangered by the California Department of Fish and Game in November 1978. The California Native Plant Society has placed it on List 1B (rare or endangered throughout its range).

**CRITICAL HABITAT:** None designated

**RECOVERY PLAN:** None

**5-YEAR REVIEW:** Completed December 2007. No change recommended.

[http://www.fws.gov/ecos/ajax/docs/five\\_year\\_review/doc1866.pdf](http://www.fws.gov/ecos/ajax/docs/five_year_review/doc1866.pdf) (459 KB)



Chinese Camp Brodiaea  
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**DESCRIPTION:**

Chinese Camp brodiaea is an erect, herbaceous perennial plant belonging to the lily family (Liliaceae). It grows from underground corms to a height of 10 to 30 centimeters (4-12 inches), with long, narrow, succulent leaves and umbrella-like clusters of lilac or purple flowers.

The species grows in overflow channels, seeps, and springs in clays, which may be derived from serpentine soils.

See Jepson Manual, below, for a more detailed description.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

This species is a California endemic limited to two small, known populations along limited stretches of intermittent streams in the Sierra Nevada foothills of Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties

U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Quads: Sonora (458B) 3712084, Chinese Camp (458C) 3712074, New Melones Dam (459A) 3712085, Copperopolis (459B) 3712086

**THREATS:**

The wet, serpentine habitat of this plant is very rare. Urban development, inadequate regulatory mechanisms, the small range of the species and the small number of populations threaten it. Both known populations are on private land.

**REFERENCES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**[General references about California plants](#)**

[www.fws.gov/sacramento/es/plant\\_spp\\_accts/plant\\_references.htm](http://www.fws.gov/sacramento/es/plant_spp_accts/plant_references.htm)

[The Jepson Manual: Higher Plants of California](#). This is the standard reference about California plants. The Manual is available in an [online version](#). See also the [Jepson Online Interchange](#) for updates.

Niehaus, F.H. 1971. A Biosystematic Study of the Genus Brodiaea (Amaryllidaceae). Univ. of Calif. Press.

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