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Species Account
PITKIN MARSH LILY

Lilium pardalinum ssp. *pitkinense*

CLASSIFICATION: Endangered

Federal Register Notice 62:54791; October 22, 1997

http://ecos.fws.gov/docs/federal_register/fr3169.pdf

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STATE LISTING STATUS AND CNPS CODE:

This species was listed as endangered by the California Department of Fish and Game in November 1979. The California Native Plant Society has placed it on List 1B (rare or endangered throughout its range).

CRITICAL HABITAT: None designated

RECOVERY PLAN: None

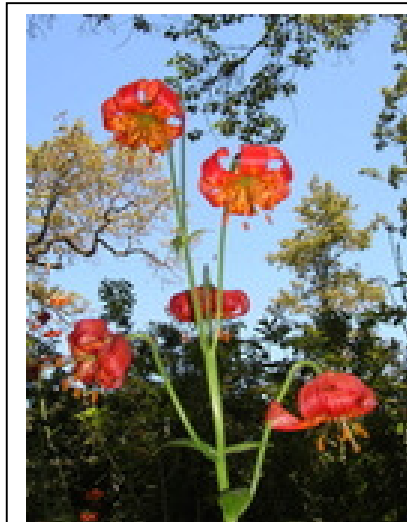
5-YEAR REVIEW: Completed August 2009. No change recommended.

http://ecos.fws.gov/docs/five_year_review/doc2555.pdf

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Pitkin Marsh Lily
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DESCRIPTION:

Pitkin Marsh lily is a perennial in the lily family (Liliaceae). The erect stems reach 1 to 2 meters (3-6 feet) in height. The leaves are yellow-green, up to 14 centimeters (5.5 inches) long, and 1 to 2 centimeters (0.4-0.8 inch) wide. The leaves are generally scattered along the stem, but in some plants occur in 2 or 3 whorls of 3 to 6 leaves near the middle of the stem.

Flowers bloom from June to July. They are large, showy and nodding. The petals are red at the outer edge changing to yellow at the center with small deep maroon dots. The anthers are purple-brown.

This species is distinguished from the more common leopard lily (*Lilium pardalinum* ssp. *pardalinum*) by its shorter petals and anthers. See Jepson Manual, below, for a more detailed description.

DISTRIBUTION:

Pitkin Marsh lily grows only in freshwater marshes and wet meadows in Sonoma County. It has been found in only a few locations.

U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Quads: Sebastopol (502A) 3812247, Two Rock (502D) 3812237.

THREATS:

This showy species has declined in numbers from the collection of plants, seeds and bulbs for household and horticultural use. Other threats include competition from other plants and changes in the hydrology of the marsh.

REFERENCES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**[General references about California plants](#)**

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.

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