

APPENDIX C: EXPLANATIONS OF SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES CODES

EXPLANATION OF RARITY STATUS CODES

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (ESA) LISTING CODES

- FE = federally listed as Endangered
FT = federally listed as Threatened
FPE = federally proposed for listing as Endangered
FPT = federally proposed for listing as Threatened
FPD = federally proposed for delisting
FC = federal candidate; former Category 1 candidates
SC = species of concern; established by NMFS, effective April 15, 2004.

CALIFORNIA ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (CESA) LISTING CODES

- SE = State-listed as Endangered
ST = State-listed as Threatened
SR = State-listed as Rare
SCE = State candidate for listing as Endangered
SCT = State candidate for listing as Threatened
SCD = State candidate for delisting

GLOBAL AND STATE RANKINGS

- G1/S1 = Critically imperiled: at high risk of extinction, extremely rare.
G2/S2 = Imperiled: at high risk of extinction, restricted range, very few populations.
G3/S3 = Vulnerable: moderate risk of extinction, restricted range, few populations.
G4/S4 = Apparently secure: uncommon, not rare, possible long-term declines.
G5/S5 = Secure: common, widespread, abundant.

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY DESIGNATIONS

- List 1: Plants of highest priority.
List 1A: Plants presumed extinct in CA.
List 1B: Plants rare and endangered in CA and elsewhere.
List 2A: Plants presumed extirpated in CA but common elsewhere.
List 2B: Plants rare, threatened or endangered in CA but common elsewhere.
List 3: Plants for which additional data are needed – Review List.
List 4: Plants of limited distribution – Watch List.

CNPS Threat Code Extensions

- .1 - Seriously endangered in CA
.2 – Fairly endangered in CA
.3 – Not very endangered in CA

OTHER CODES

- ABC: WL** - American Bird Conservancy Watch List of Birds of Conservation Concern.
AFS - American Fisheries Society categories of risk for marine, estuarine and diadromous fish stocks. Codes: **E**=endangered; **T**=threatened; **V**=vulnerable
AUD: WL - Audubon: Watch List 2007. Bird species facing population decline and/or threats such as loss of breeding and wintering grounds, or species with limited geographic ranges.
R – Red List, global conservation concern; **Y** – Yellow List, national conservation concern.
BLM: S - Bureau of Land Mgt: Sensitive. Includes species under review by USFWS or NMFS, species whose numbers are declining so rapidly that federal listing may become necessary, species with small and widely dispersed populations, or species inhabiting refugia or other unique habitats.
CDF: S – CA Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection: Sensitive. Includes species that warrant special protection during timber operations.
DFW: FP - CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife: Fully Protected. Species protected under §§3511 (birds), 4700 (mammals), 5050 (reptiles and amphibians), and 5515 (fish) of the California Fish and Game Code.
DFW: SA - CA. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife: Special Animal. Species included on the CDFW’s lists of special animals.
DFW: SP - CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife: Special Plant. Species included on the CDFW’s lists of special plants.
DFW: SSC - CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife: California Species of Special Concern.
DFW: WL - CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife: (Watch List): taxa that don’t meet SSC criteria but about which there is concern and additional information is needed to clarify status.
FS: S - USDA Forest Service: Sensitive. Species whose population viability is a concern, as evidenced by significant current or predicted downward trends in numbers or density, or in habitat capability that would reduce a species’ existing distribution.
FWS: BCC - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Birds of Conservation Concern. Migratory and non-migratory bird species that represent the USFWS’s highest conservation priorities.
FWS: BEPA - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Bald Eagle Protection Act.
FWS: MBTA - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: International Migratory Bird Treaty Act.
FWS: MNB - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Migratory Nongame Birds of Management Concern. Species of concern in the U.S. due to documented or apparent population declines, small or restricted populations, or dependence on restricted or vulnerable habitats.
MMPA – Marin Mammal Protection Act
NMFS: SC - National Marine Fisheries Service: Species of Concern.
WBWG - Western Bat Working Group. Priority for funding, planning or conservation actions. Codes: **H**=high; **MH**=medium-high; **M**=medium; **LM**=low-medium
Xerces - Xerces Society Red List.
Codes: **C**=critically imperiled; **I**=imperiled; **V**=vulnerable; **D**=data deficient