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CALIFORNIA ENDANGERED SPECIES HANDBOOK

Guidance and information on Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species is maintained in the California Endangered Species Handbook. The NRCS State Office (Resource Technology Staff), and each Area and Field Office maintains a copy of the handbook. The Handbook is also available online at: <http://www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/rts/ENVHNB/environhandbook1.html>

The California Endangered Species Handbook is designed to provide basic resource information on species of plants and animals generally categorized as endangered (rare, threatened, or endangered) as designated by the Federal Endangered Species Act and California Endangered Species Act.

In addition there are several sources of information on endangered species that can be found on the Internet. Examples include:

US Fish and Wildlife Service:

FWS NHQ <http://endangered.fws.gov/>
Pacific Region <http://www.r1.fws.gov/text/species.html>

National Marine Fisheries Service:

NMFS NHQ <http://www.nmfs.gov/>
Northwest Region <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/>

California Department of Fish and Game:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/endangered/index.html>

California Native Plant Society:

<http://www.cnps.org/>

Endangered Species Recovery Program, Fresno, CA:

<http://arnica.csustan.edu/esrpp/esrpp.htm>

California Environmental Resources Evaluation System (CERES):

<http://ceres.ca.gov/cgi-bin/theme>

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CALIFORNIA NATURAL DIVERSITY DATA BASE (CNDDDB) - RAREFIND

California Department of Fish and Game maintains the Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDDB). The program "Rarefind" is a PC-operated data base that can provide information on recorded sitings of species and habitats (See the attached "Program Description & General Information"). Rarefind is updated about every 6 months.

Natural Resources Conservation Service has an agreement with the California Department of Fish and Game and certain NRCS staff have copies of Rarefind. For information on Rarefind or to have Rarefind queried, contact your Area representative or designated State Office staff:

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California Native Species Field Survey Form

The California Natural Diversity Data Base relies on species information provided to them utilizing the "California Native Species Field Survey Form". The data base is comprised of information provided by biologists and other qualified individuals that report observations of rare, threatened, endangered, or sensitive species and natural plant communities. Attached are instructions, example, and blank forms for reporting. NRCS staff should be sensitive to concerns private landowners might have about reporting sitings of species found on their properties. Request permission if you think there is a concern.

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CALIFORNIA ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES LIST - ANIMALS

California Department of Fish and Game, Natural Heritage Division, maintains a list of State and Federally Listed Endangered and Threatened Animals of California which is generated from the Natural Diversity Data Base. The attached list is the one dated October 2000. For the most up-to-date list check the following web site:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/endangered/index.html>

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CALIFORNIA ENDANGERED, THREATENED AND RARE SPECIES LIST - PLANTS

California Department of Fish and Game, Natural Heritage Division maintains a list of State and Federally Listed Endangered, Threatened, and Rare Plants of California which is generated from the Natural Diversity Data Base. The attached list is the one dated October 2000. For the most up-to-date list check the following web site:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/endangered/index.html>