

## IDAHO RARE PLANT OBSERVATION REPORT

Please fill in as many fields as possible, but don't worry if you have to leave blanks. Many fields contain check boxes (double click on box, and click 'checked'). E-mail completed form to [plant@idfg.idaho.gov](mailto:plant@idfg.idaho.gov)  
If you need to mail maps or other materials that can't be sent electronically, send them to Botany Data Coordinator, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, PO Box 25, 600 S. Walnut St., Boise ID 83707-0025.  
Thanks for contributing to rare plant conservation in Idaho!

Species:

Date(s):

Observer(s):

Agency/Organization/Company:

Address:

E-mail:

Phone:

Other knowledgeable individuals:

Observation was:  very thorough  fairly thorough  cursory or incidental

If this observation is part of a larger study or report, what is the study/report?

Certainty of identification:  moderate  high  verified by:

Specimen collector/Collection #:

Herbarium:

Photo attached?  yes  no If photos are located elsewhere, where are they?

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**Population/Element Occurrence information** (This is for the entire population or occurrence. Information on subpopulations or suboccurrences within the population/occurrence goes on next page.)

Survey site name (e.g., a particular landmark or location):

Element occurrence (EO) #, if known: For an existing EO, is this:  revisit  addition  unsure

Occupied area (total of the occupied area of all subpopulations that you know are currently occupied):

Do you feel you mapped the full extent of the population/EO?  yes  no  unsure

Is there more potential habitat in the area that hasn't been surveyed?  yes  no  unsure

Suggestions for other areas to survey:

Monitoring or research needs for this population/EO:

Management needs for this population/EO:

Additional population/EO comments (e.g., # of subpopulations/suboccurrences):

Directions (please be specific so population/EO and subpopulations/subEOs can be relocated years from now):

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**Subpopulation/suboccurrence information** (Copy this page and next as needed—one for each subpop. If visits to individual subpops aren't made, fill out one for whole population. Subpops/subEOs are divided by breaks in habitat, or a particular distance set by the observer, e.g., >50 m without the target species. Populations/EOs are divided by >1 km without target species.)

Subpopulation/suboccurrence #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Observation: \_\_\_\_\_ Observer(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Total number of individuals in subpopulation: \_\_\_\_\_ This number is:  actual  minimum  estimated  
What was counted?  genets  ramets  N/A (non-vascular etc.)  unknown  
Phenology (indicate # or %): seedling\_\_\_\_ vegetative\_\_\_\_ flower\_\_\_\_ fruit\_\_\_\_ dormant\_\_\_\_ unknown\_\_\_\_  
Area currently occupied: \_\_\_\_\_ Subpopulation vigor:  excellent  good  fair  poor  unknown  
Do you feel you mapped the full extent of this subpopulation?  yes  no  unsure

Dominant species (existing plant community):

Habitat type (potential plant community):

Associated native species:

Associated non-native species:

Look-alike species present:

General terrain/habitat (e.g., foothills, subalpine, wet meadow, streamside, lakeside):

Slope: \_\_\_\_\_ Aspect: \_\_\_\_\_ Toposition: \_\_\_\_\_  
Minimum Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_ m or \_\_\_\_\_ ft Maximum Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_ m or \_\_\_\_\_ ft  
Light regime: \_\_\_\_\_ Substrate/soil: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner(s):  BLM  USFS  state  private  other:

If all or part of subpopulation/subEO is private, has landowner provided consent for data to be exported?

Date of consent by private landowner, their contact info, and other pertinent comments:

General owner comments:

Observed disturbances, such as land use, disease, predation, non-native species. For each, include severity (slight, moderate, serious, or extreme) and scope ( $\leq 10\%$ , 11-30%, 31-70%, 71-100% of subpopulation affected), if known:

Factors that may be a threat in the future. For each, include severity, scope, and imminency (near or distant future), if known:

Native plant community within the subpopulation/suboccurrence is:

- A. intact with zero to low cover of non-natives ( $\leq 10\%$  of total plant cover\*) and/or minimal anthropogenic disturbance
- B. intact with low to moderate ( $> 10$  to  $\leq 30\%$ ) non-native cover and/or low to moderate anthropogenic disturbance
- C. partially intact with moderate to high ( $> 30\%$ ) non-native cover and/or mod. to high anthropogenic disturbance
- D. almost gone with high non-native cover and/or high anthropogenic disturbance

\* Of the total plant canopy cover, what proportion is non-native? E.g., if total cover is 8%, and nearly all of that total is from non-native plants, then non-native cover would be classified as 'high'.

Additional comments to describe subpopulation/suboccurrence condition and support rank:

Landscape surrounding the subpopulation/suboccurrence is:

- A. unfragmented, with ecological and hydrological processes intact
- B. partially fragmented, with ecological and hydrological processes intact
- C. moderately fragmented, with ecological and hydrological processes intact
- D. highly fragmented, with many ecological and hydrological processes no longer intact

Additional comments to describe landscape setting and support rank:

Additional comments about the subpopulation/suboccurrence, in general:

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If location data are from a **paper map**:

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Topo Quad: \_\_\_\_\_

Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 of Section \_\_\_\_\_

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How accurately do you feel you mapped the subpopulation compared to its actual location on the ground?

Attach a copy of part of a USGS 7.5' quad (or comparable map) and delineate the subpopulation/suboccurrence.

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If location data are **GPS data**:

Format of GPS data:  shapefile  digital file (.dbf, .xls, .txt, etc.)  GPS points filled in below

Method used to collect GPS data:  GPS unit  estimated on a paper map  other:

GPS unit was held:  directly over the rare plant  in the general vicinity of the rare plant

Do the GPS points mark the boundary of a plant group?  yes  no  unsure

Accuracy of GPS unit ( $\pm$  m): \_\_\_\_\_ Datum:  NAD27  NAD83  WGS84  unknown

Coordinate system:  UTM zone 11  UTM zone 12  UTM zone unknown  Idaho Transverse Mercator  
 Decimal degrees, lat/long  state plane  township/range/section

GPS points, photos numbers, or other, as needed: