

Sensitive Animal & Plant Guide

**Los Padres National Forest
2025**

Two-striped garter snake and southwestern pond turtle is present or could be present at creek crossings along the route. Participants should proceed across creeks slowly allowing sensitive species to move out of the area. Participants cannot move turtles and snakes out of the crossing. They need to let the animals move out of the way on their own.

Adult and sub-adult southwestern pond turtle (*Actinemys pallida*): Forest Service sensitive species.



Adult and sub-adult two-striped garter snake (*Thamnophis hammondi*): Forest Service sensitive species.



Forest Service Sensitive Plants that could be encountered:



Late-flowering mariposa lily,



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***Calochortus fimbriatus* (in flower).**

***Calochortus fimbriatus* (in seed)**

- Found on all districts. Avoid disturbance prior to seed set (May-Sept)



Dephinium umbracolorum

- Found on all districts. Avoid disturbance prior to seed set (March-June)



Sonoran maiden fern, *Thelypteris puberula* var *sonorensis*

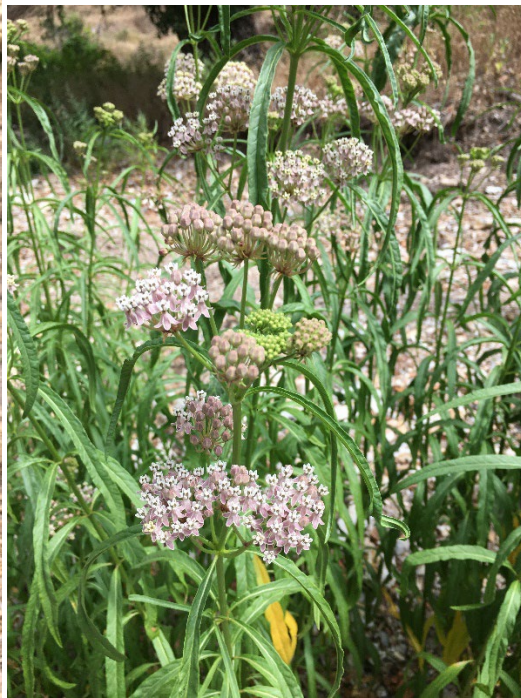


Santa Barbara honeysuckle, *Lonicera subspicata* var. *subspicata*



Quercus dumosa, Nuttall's scrub oak

Other botanical resources



Asclepias eriocarpa, Broad-leaved milkweed *Asclepias fascicularis*, narrow-leaved milkweed



Monarch caterpillar (*Danaus plexippus*) chrysalis and butterfly. Status: candidate for federal listing under the Endangered Species Act. Avoid disturbance to milkweed prior to dormancy.



Humboldt's lily, *Lilium humboldtii*

Not sensitive but please don't cut down when green. Present along a number of trails within shady areas. Easy to identify from by the whorled leaves.