

**CALIFORNIA JEWELFLOWER
(CAULANTHUS CALIFORNICUS)**

Federal/California status: Endangered/Endangered
California Native Plant Society List 1B

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Photos



Description

California jewelflower is an herbaceous annual (a plant that grows yearly from seed and has no woody tissues). It is a member of the mustard family (Brassicaceae). The stems usually branch and can reach a height from 4 to more than 20 inches (10 to 50 cm). The upper leaves are egg-shaped and attach nearly all around the stem; the leaves near the base are oblong. Maroon buds are clustered at the tip of the stem with white flowers below. Flowering takes place from about February through May.

Habitat

The plant historically occurred in slightly alkaline sandy loam in native grasslands of the southern San Joaquin Valley and adjacent valleys.

Range/distribution

Within the project area, it was once found in Fresno, Kern, Kings, and Tulare counties. Today it is known to occur only in Fresno County. However, additional populations may still exist in Kern and Kings counties, where potential habitat remains.

