

**DIAMOND-PETALED POPPY
(ESCHSCHOLZIA RHOMBIPETALA)**

California Native Plant Society List 1B



Description

Diamond-petaled California poppy has is an annual plant in the poppy family (Papaveraceae) The entire plant is hairless and may be up to 12 inches (30 cm) in height. Diamond-petaled California poppy has finely divided basal leaves with fleshy bases. The flowers have four small, yellow petals but do not have a rim-like appendage below the petals. This species flowers in March and April. The fruits are cylindrical and grow up to 2.8 inches (7 cm) long.

Habitat

This species grows in alkaline clay in grasslands and also has been found in fallow fields.

Range/distribution

Diamond-petaled California poppy was known historically from Alameda, Contra Costa, Colusa, San Luis Obispo, and Stanislaus Counties. In recent years, it has been found only at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Alameda County and on the Carrizo Plain in San Luis Obispo County.

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