

**HOOVER'S WOOLLY-STAR
(ERIASTRUM HOOVERI)**

Federal/California status: Delisted/--
California Native Plant Society List 4

Range/distribution

Within the project area, Hoover's woolly-star can be found in Fresno, Kings, Kern, and Tulare counties.

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Description

Hoover's woolly-star is an inconspicuous, annual member of the phlox family (Polemoniaceae). The stem is slender and sometimes branching with linear, threadlike leaves. It ranges from 0.5 to 8 inches (1 to 20 cm) tall. Portions of the plant have a wooly appearance. The flower is pale-blue or white and is nearly hidden by tufts of wooly hairs. It may be in bloom from March into June.

Habitat

Hoover's woolly-star occurs in alkali sinks, as well as in level and hilly areas. It occurs in a wide variety of plant communities, most characterized by shrub cover of less than 20%. It may occur at elevations ranging from 165 to 3000 feet (50 to 914 meters).