

MASON'S LILIEOPSIS (*LILIAEOPSIS MASONII*)

Federal/California status: --/Rare
California Native Plant Society List 1B

Description

Mason's lilaepsis is a minute, turf-forming, perennial plant in the carrot family (*Apiaceae*). It spreads by creeping stems at ground level. The leaves are upright, cylindrical, and jointed, and may be up to 3 inches (7.5 cm) tall. The tiny, white or maroon flowers are produced in small, umbrella-like clusters near the base of the leaves from April to November.

Habitat

Mason's lilaepsis is semi-aquatic and is usually found on saturated clay soils that are regularly inundated by waves and tidal action.

Range/distribution

Its known distribution extends from the margins of the Napa River in Napa County , east to the channels and sloughs of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta in Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, Sacramento, Yolo, and San Joaquin counties.

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