

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY ORCUTT GRASS
(ORCUTTIA INAEQUALIS)**

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



Description

San Joaquin Valley Orcutt grass is an annual in the grass family (Poaceae). It has a terminal spike-like head of densely crowded, overlapping flowers, which appear from May to September. The stem is grayish-green, sticky, aromatic, and 2 to 6 inches (5 to 15 cm) tall. When mature, the spikelets of the plant are aggregated into a dense, hat-shaped cluster.

Habitat

San Joaquin Valley Orcutt grass is confined to the beds of vernal pools. It may be found with the following uncommon grasses: Colusa grass (*Neostapfia colusana*), Boggs Lake hedge-hyssop (*Gratiola heterosepala*), and fleshy owl's clover (*Castilleja campestris* var *succulentus*)

Range/distribution

San Joaquin Valley Orcutt grass is found in discontinuous populations along a 36-mile area of the southeastern San Joaquin Valley. Within the project area, it is known to occur in Fresno, Merced, Tulare, and Madera counties. and may occur in Stanislaus County

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