

SHOWY INDIAN CLOVER (*TRIFOLIUM AMOENUM*)

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



Description

Showy Indian clover is an annual herb in the pea family (Fabaceae). The hairy stems vary from 4 to 24 inches (10 to 60 cm) tall. As is typical for clovers, the leaves consist of a long leafstalk with three leaflets (segments) that meet at a central point. Each leaflet is broadly egg-shaped. The individual flowers, which are narrow and pea-like, are approximately 0.5 inch (13 mm) long and are purple with white tips. Many flowers are aggregated into a

conspicuous, rounded head. Showy Indian clover blooms between April and June.

Habitat

This species has been found in coastal scrub areas and grasslands in moist, heavy soils.

Range/distribution

Within the project area, it was known historically from Alameda and Santa Clara counties, but the closest it has been found in recent years is Marin County.

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