

# CRITICAL HABITAT AREA

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## Braunton's Milk Vetch

This federally-protected plant is an endangered part of an ecosystem that is unique to southern California. Braunton's milk vetch (*Astragalus brauntonii*) grows closely with other California native plants, including manzanita, buckwheat, beargrass, chamise, ceanothus, Tecate cypress, and many species of oak and pine. Native bees and ants pollinate the milk vetch, which blooms from March to July. It can grow up to 5 feet tall but lives only 2-3 years. Milk vetch is one of the first plants to sprout after a fire has burned through an area.

Do not disturb or remove any shrub, bush, tree, plant or flower, including leaves, roots or fruits. MMC 12.32.050

Protecting the plants protects the habitat that feeds and shelters wildlife, and ensures that all visitors for generations to come can enjoy this special place.



DORMANT MILK VETCH



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