

Species of the Month

Santa Ana River Woollystar

Eriastrum densifolium spp. *sanctorum*



Santa Ana River Woollystar

- Small flowering plant
- Has light green stems and bright blue funnel shaped flowers
- Federally and State listed as an endangered species
- Endemic to the Santa Ana River
- Threats include habitat degradation that alters the floodplain, off highway vehicle use, and hybridization with related subspecies



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- Grows in open sandy areas
- Pioneer species
- Is dependent on flood events and sediment transport to persist
- Flowers between May and August



Monitoring and Management

- Include in the MSHCP Conservation Area at least 2430 acres of suitable habitat
- Include within the MSHCP Conservation Area at least three occurrences
- Include with the MSHCP Conservation Area the floodplain along the Santa Ana River
- Monitor the distribution once every 8 years and maintain species presence at 75% of identified locations.



Thank You



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