

San Gabriel manzanita

Arctostaphylos glandulosa var. *gabrielensis*



About me: I love the San Gabriel Mountains and don't grow anywhere else. I am long-lived in the wild.

Why I'm rare: Although I have probably always been rare, my home is currently being threatened by power line construction.

My story: For many years, I dumbfounded botanists and they considered me a hybrid. More recently they have recognized me a distinct subspecies. I am related to blueberries, but not as tasty!

How you can help: Protect natural areas and plants like me by staying on designated trails when hiking.



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