

California rockflower

Crossosoma californicum

About me: You can find me on several of the Channel Islands, including Santa Catalina, San Clemente and even Guadalupe (Mexico). I also live on the Palos Verdes peninsula. Did you know Palos Verdes peninsula was once an island?

Why I'm rare: On the Palos Verdes peninsula, I thrive in the soil of one small canyon. Introduced animals are a threat because they overgraze me and have caused major environmental changes in most of my island habitats.

My story: My numbers declined to single digits on San Clemente and Guadalupe Islands, but don't you worry; I am currently making a come-back on San Clemente.

How you can help: Help support efforts near your neighborhood to conserve your local native flora by donating, becoming a member, or volunteering at a garden near you.



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