

Palo blanco

Ornithostaphylos oppositifolia

About me: My home is the chaparral habitat that is inland from the coastline of San Diego and northwestern Baja California. I have little, white urn-shaped flowers and thin white bark.

Why I'm rare: In California, I live on a single mesa along the international border. I am constantly threatened by border patrol activities, habitat conversion, and fire suppression.

My story: I am listed as endangered in California. Although that status has not prevented the decline of my habitat, there have been substantial conservation efforts to transplant some of my kind to safety.

How you can help: Tread carefully! Protect native plants and plant communities by staying on designated trails when hiking.



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