Flora of the Mono Lake Basin

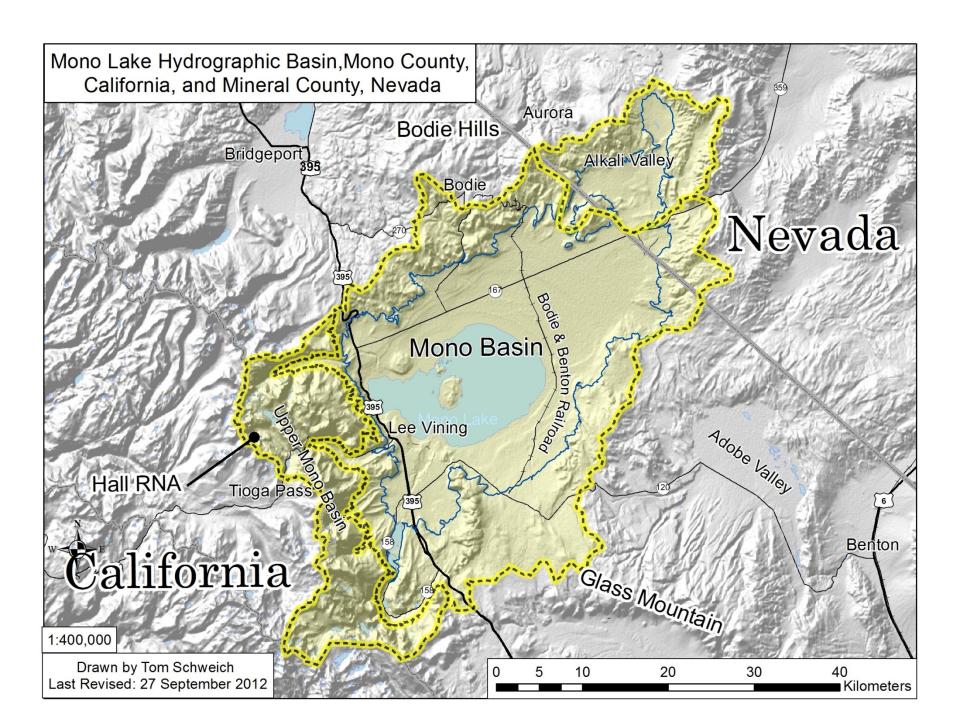
Tom Schweich, Research Associate, UC/JEPS

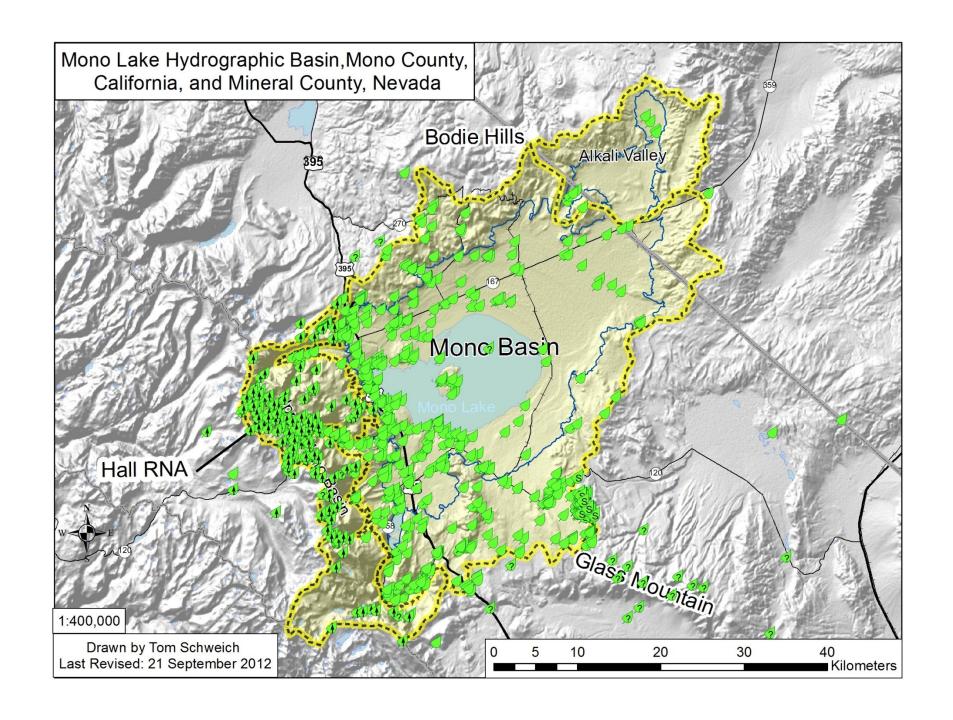


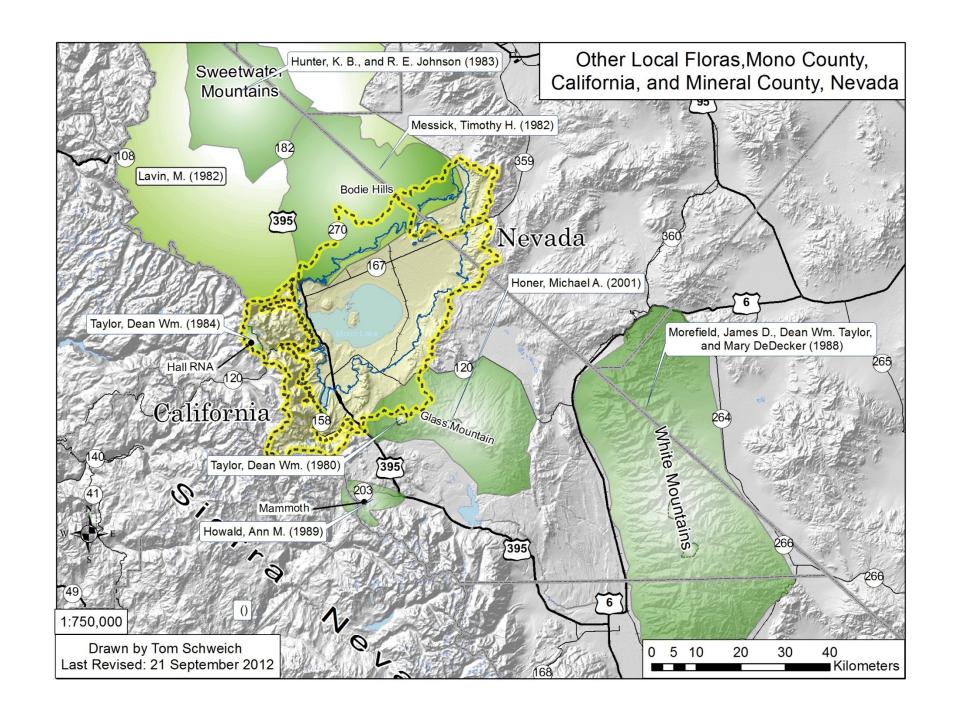
Mono Lake is in eastern California at the edge of the Great Basin

- Directly east of the San Francisco Bay Area.
- 180 miles as the California gull (*Larus* californicus) flies.
- 232 miles by road over Tioga Pass.
- 150 miles south of Reno.
- Alkaline Lake.
 - pH: ≈ 10
 - Carbonates and sulfates in addition to chlorides.
- Elevation 6378 ft.
 - Higher than Lake Tahoe (elev. 6224 ft.)









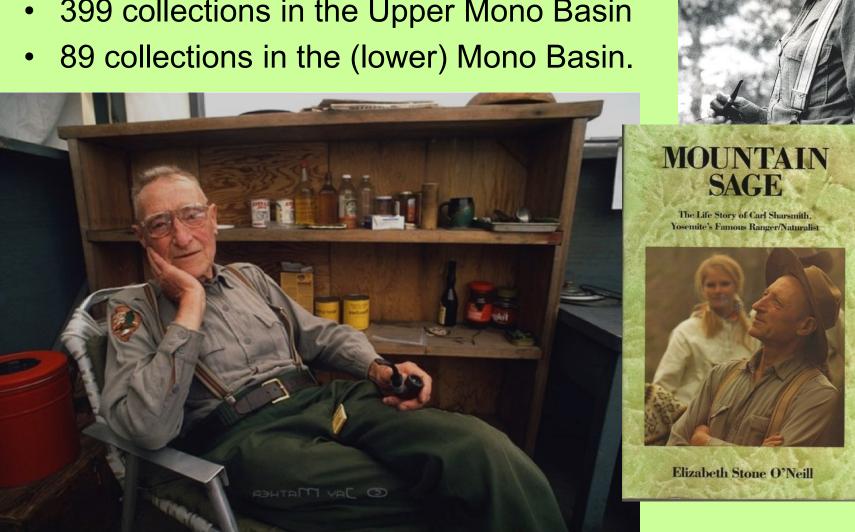
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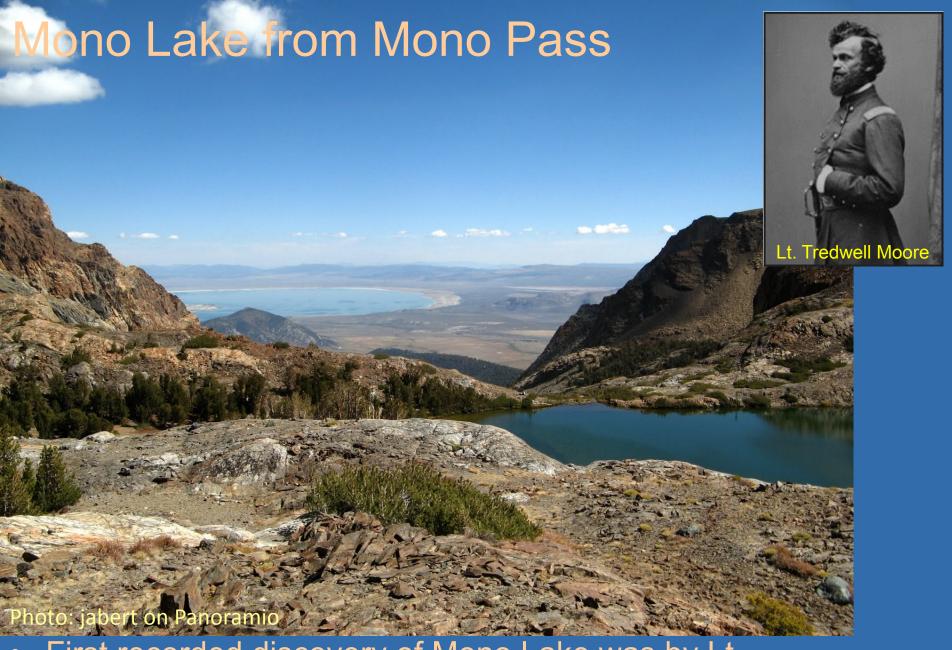
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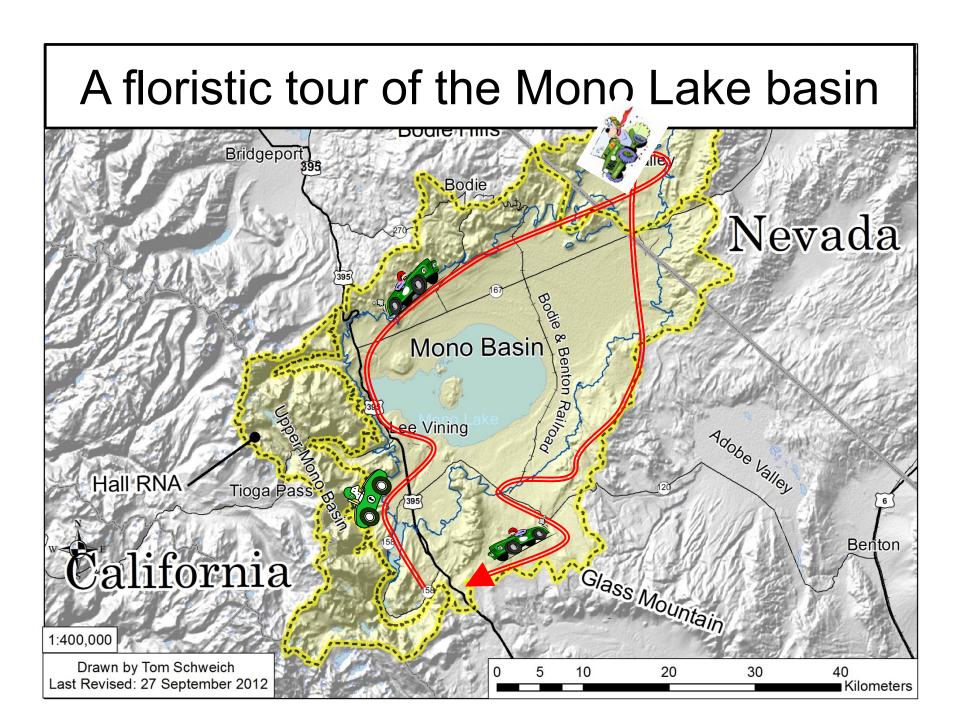
Carl Sharsmith

- Many, many collections throughout the Yosemite Sierra – never published.
- 399 collections in the Upper Mono Basin

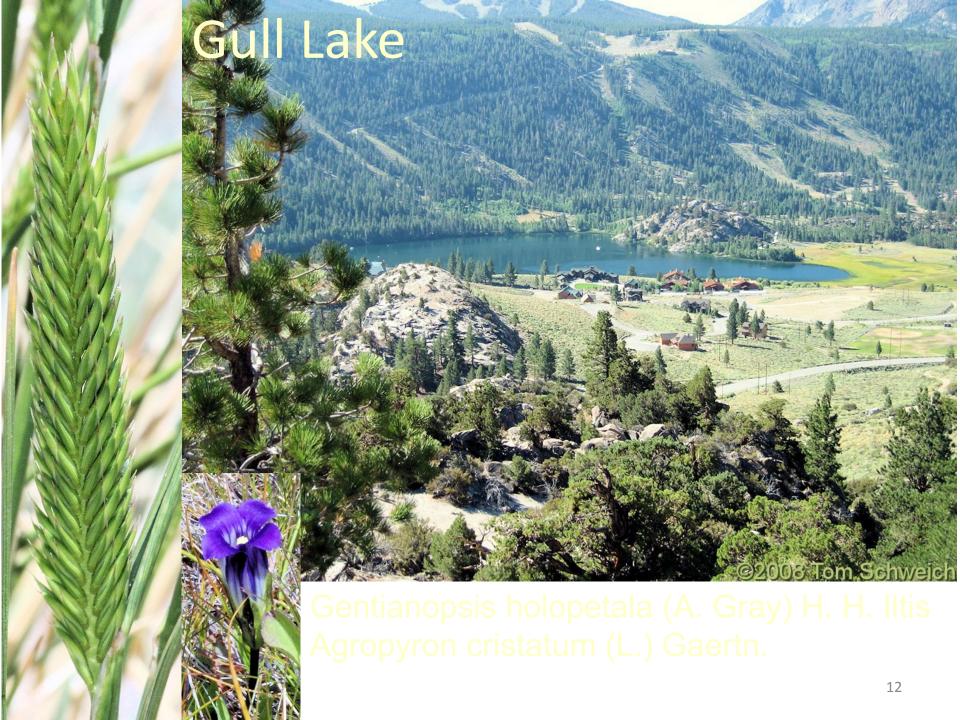




• First recorded discovery of Mono Lake was by Lt. Tredwell Moore in 1852.













Silver Lake





Pumice Valley

- Cain Ranch just left of center in the middle ground.
- Probable location of California Geological Survey Camp 120.



Geological Survey of California in the Mono Basin, July 7-12, 1863.

 July 7, 1863, Mono Pass via Bloody Canyon to Camp 120 near what was later Cain Ranch.

- July 8, 1863, Mono Craters.
- July 9, traveled 10 miles north to Camp 121 at the northwest corner of Mono Lake.
- July 10th, overnight on Paoha Island.
- July 11th, northwest shore of Mono Lake.
- July 12th, traveled from Mono Lake to Aurora, Nevada.

California Geological Survey Collections in Mono Basin

Eriophyllum monoense Rydb. (1915)

- = Eriophyllum lanatum (Pursh) J. Forbes var. integrifolium (Hook.) Smiley.
- Collected as Bahia lanata DC.
- W. H. Brewer, #1823 (GH427152, UC31687, UC31733)
- July 8, 1863
- Locations
 found: Dry
 Creek, Mono
 Craters,
 Pumice Valley,
 Sagehen Peak.



Hulsea vestita A. Gray

- W. H. Brewer, Coll. No. 1824, July 8, 1863 (GH9263, UC32860)
- "Very dry volcanic ashes near summit of volcanic mountains south of Mono Lake," i.e., Mono Craters
- CA Rare Plant Status: Not listed





Cymopterus cinerarius A. Gray

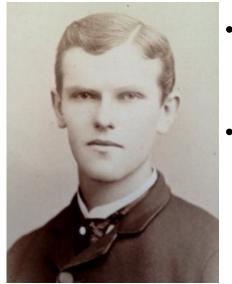


Bloody Canyon and Walker Lake



Acc. 90-105 - Science Service, Records, 1920s-1970s, Smithsonian Institution Archives

Victor K. Chesnut



Elmer R. Drew

Chesnut and Drew

- Victor K. Chesnut, and Elmer R. Drew
- Assume sent by E. L. Greene
- Left Berkeley June 16, 1889, collected in Hetch Hetchy and Yosemite area, crossing over to Mono Lake.
- From July 18-21, 1889, collected in Bloody Canyon, the foot of Bloody Canyon, near Mono Lake, and at Mono Lake.
- Fifty-three vouchers are at UC.
- After leaving the Mono Basin, they returned to Berkeley by way of Soda Springs (July 22), and Tuolumne Canyon (July 25).
- Chesnut went on to a career at Montana State University, and Drew at Stanford.

Aliciella monoensis J.M.Porter & A.G.Day.



- Phytotaxa 15:15-25. 2011.
- Type Information. Collector(s): J.M.Porter & L.E.Machen 12239.
- Locality: 0.4 km W of Hwy 395 on Oil Plant Road, ca. 2060 m., Latitude: 37.9°N, Longitude: 119.1°W.

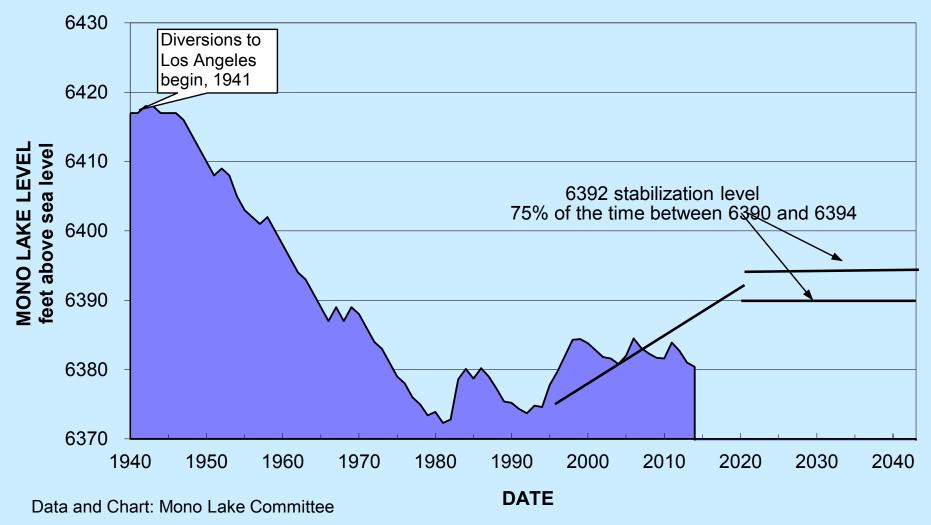


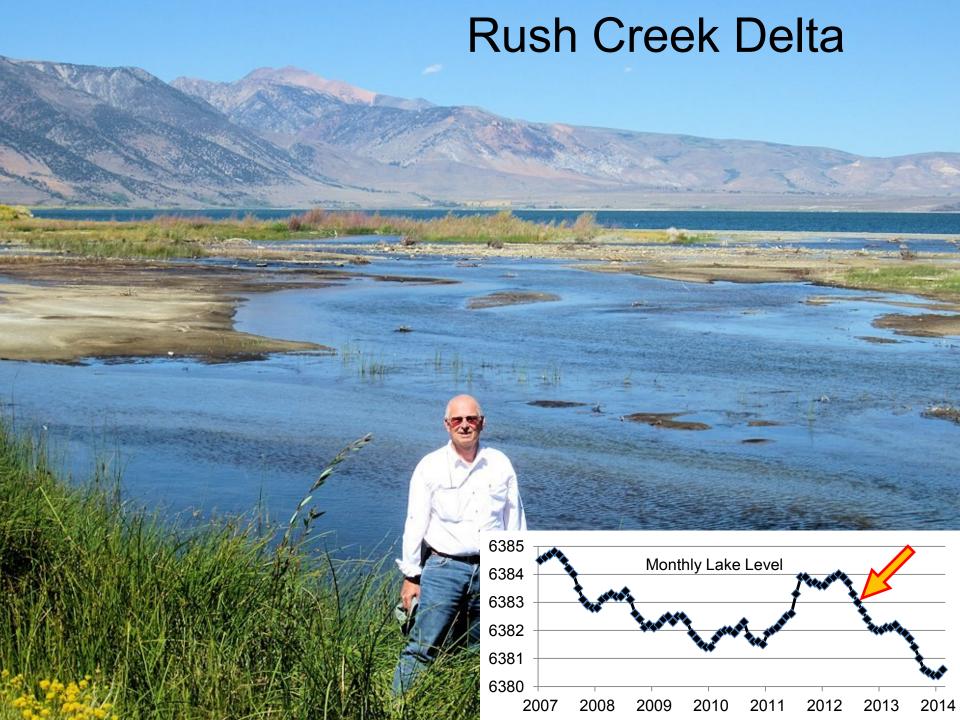
South Mono Lake Tufa





Lake level has not yet returned to State Water Board mandated levels.

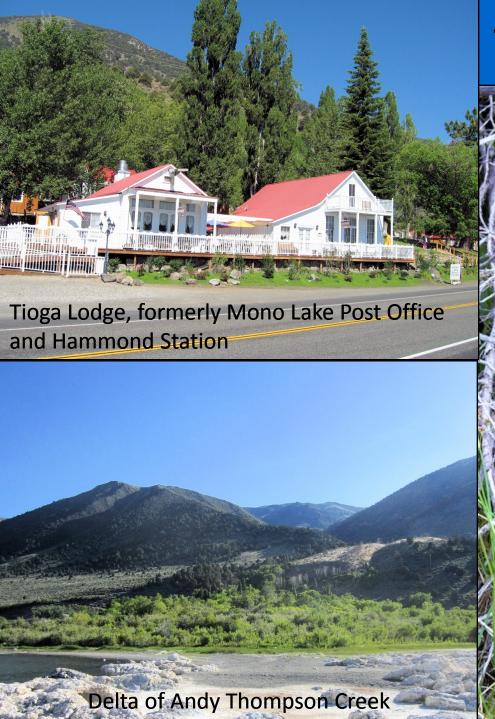




Heliotropum curvassiacum L. Seaside Heliotrope

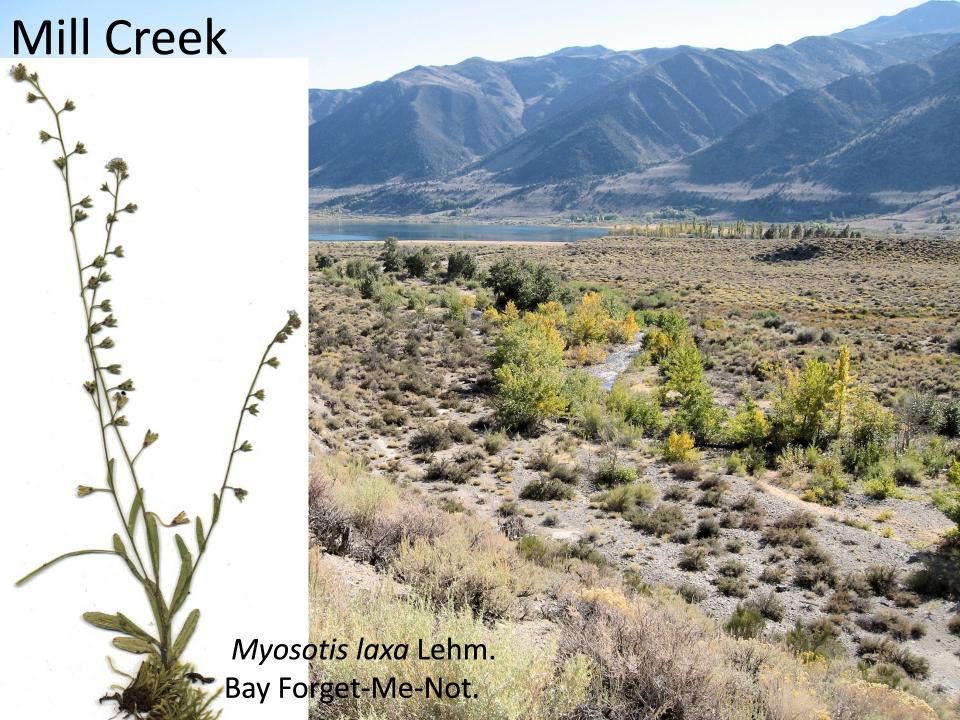
- Jepson (1940, p. 300) cites the occurrence of Seaside Heliotrope at Walker Lake, Mono County, California, giving the collection as Shockley #437, June 1885 (JEPS67989).
- Other floras repeated this citation.
- Only collection of this taxon in the Mono Basin.
- Another voucher of Shockley #437 (UC78866) by way of the
- Brandegee herbarium, with collection location of Walker Lake, Mineral County, Nevada,
- Tom Schweich, with Kim Kersh, #717, Rush Creek Delta, August 30, 2010 (UC1980416, CAS1131425).





Three species of orchid





Miss Maud Minthorn made 77 collections in 1908 in the "vicinity of Lundy."





Copper Mountain



- Only limestone in the Mono Basin
- Collections of Physaria kingii, a limestone endemic (DWT #6511), and Galium sparsiflorum (DWT #6512)

Rattlesnake Gulch in Mono Diggin's is a great location name for a collection











Eriogonum caespitosum Nutt. Matted Buckwheat. Also collected here by Jack L. Reveal

Lewisia rediviva ssp. minor



Eremogone kingii var. glabrescens



Trifolium andersonii var. beatleyae











Cusickiella douglasii



Ionactis alpina (Nutt.) Greene. (Syn: Aster scopulorum A. Gray) Lava Ankle-Aster Also collected here by Jack L. Reveal





The east side is very dry and wind-blown

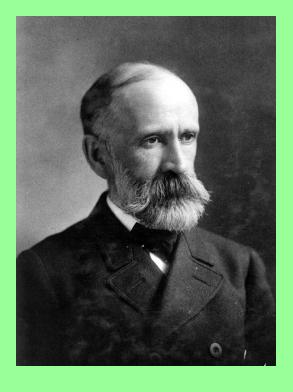


Shorelines on Cedar Hill; beach strands becoming sand dunes.



A fire safe location? (Barbour, et al., 2007. Terrestrial Vegetation of California. Third Edition)





Israel Russell

- Israel Cook Russell, LL.D. (1852– 1906) was an American geologist and geographer
- Between 1881 and 1885 he worked in the Mono Lake area.
- Originally employed for work surveying and building the Bodie Railway connecting the Mono Mills with Bodie
- Stayed for four years and wrote the seminal work Quaternary History of Mono Valley, California (1884).







- Pleistocene Lake Mono overflowed to south through Adobe Valley and Benton to the Owens River.
- Ledge of sandstone with fresh-water snail shells
- Ipomopsis congesta, typically found in the high passes, Koip Pass, Parker Pass, and Tioga Crest.

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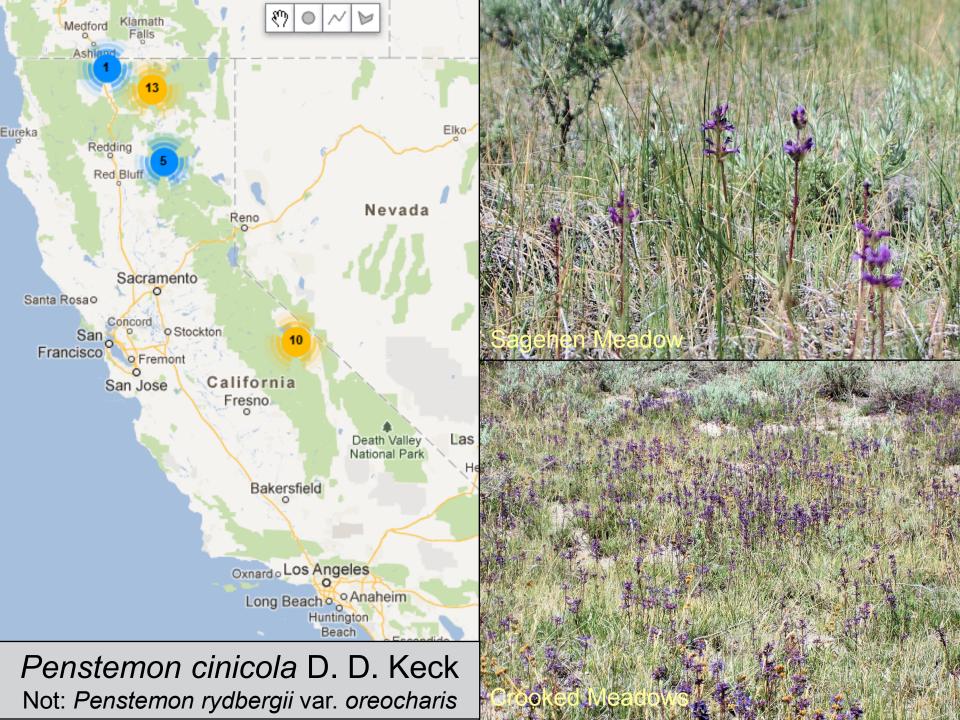
Adobe Hills spillway from Cowtrack Mountain

White Mountains

Mono Lake from Cowtrack Mountain







Big Sand Flat View west from Sagehen Summit on CA High A half mile wide by 3½ miles long. Formed by faulting on the northwest side.



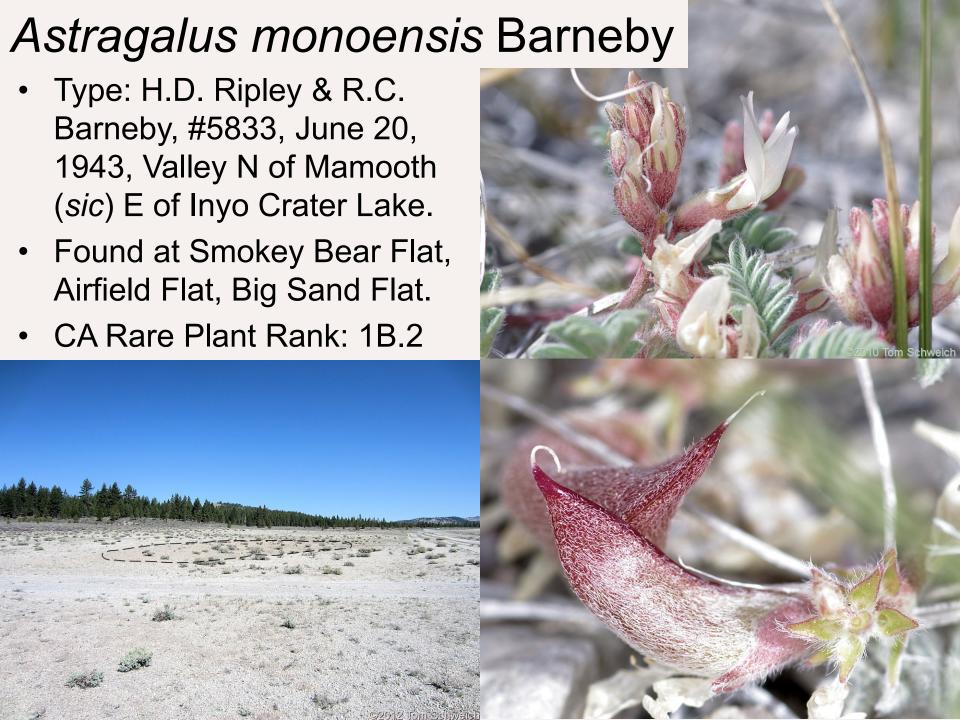
Lupinus duranii Eastw.

 Type: Victor Duran, #3343, July 15, 1932, Big Sand Flat.

- Common in deep volcanic sand soils.
- CA Rare Plant Rank: 1B.2.

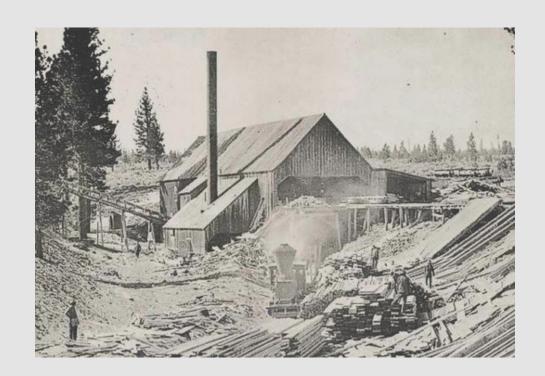






Jeffrey pine forests around Mono Mills were logged to supply Bodie, 1877-1932

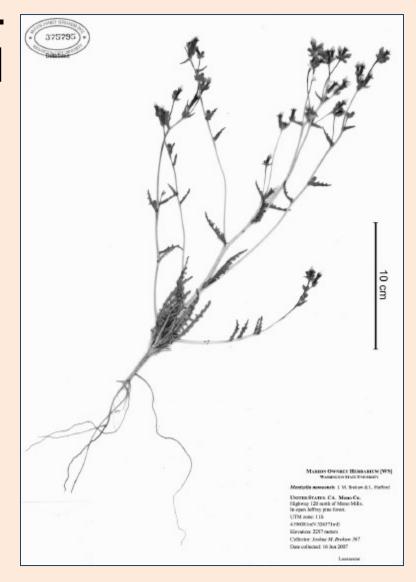
- Discovery of gold in 1859 by a group of prospectors, including W. S. Bodey
- Bodie Railway & Lumber Company (1881)
- Local ranching to supply the miners
- Artificial duck ponds at Rush Ck.
- Sheep (!)



Mentzelia monoensis J. M. Brokaw & L. Hufford

- Type Locality: Highway 120 north of Mono Mills.
- J. M. Brokaw #367, 16 June 2007.
- CA Rare Plant Rank: 4.3.

I've found *M. congesta* when looking for *M. monoensis*.



Eatonella nivea (D.C. Eaton) A. Gray



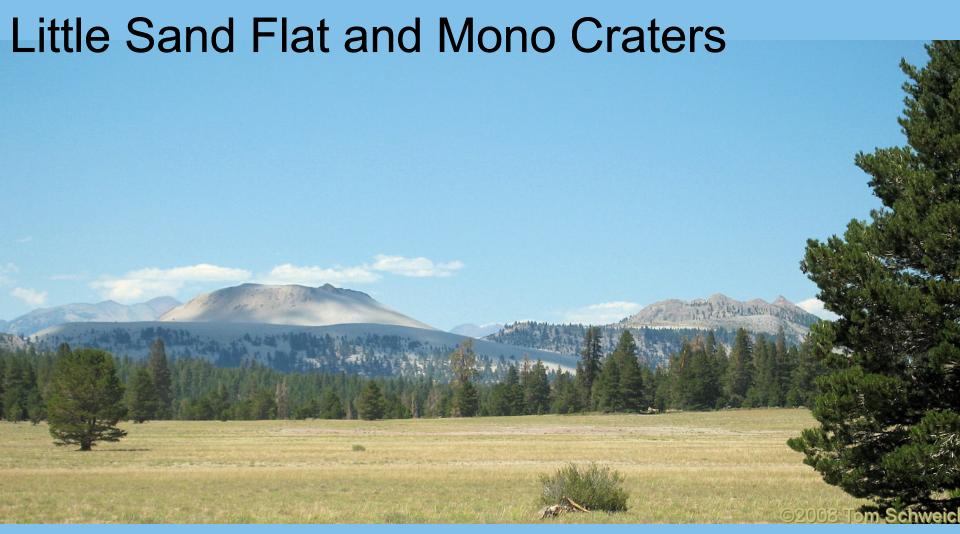


Deadman Summit and rim of the Long Valley Caldera on the south.



- Faulted, confused terrain.
- · Sand flats, internal drainage.

Lupinus monoensis Eastwood J. T. Howell, #14498, August 10, 1938, Near Crestview (= Lupinus breweri var. grandiflorus).



- Ericameria parryi var. aspera
- Hulsea vestita var. vestita
- Phacelia bicolor var. bicolor
- Phacelia hastata var. compacta
- Astragalus monoensis

- Lupinus duranii
- Mimulus nanus var. mephiticus(?)
- Eriogonum spergulinum var. reddingianum
- Carex douglasii

Plant habitats and vegetation

South & East

8400 ft

Lodgepole pine forest

Aspen groves

Jeffrey pine forest

Spiny hop sage scrub

Sand flat meadow (?)

Rubber rabbitbrush scrub

North & West

Singleleaf

pinyon woodlands

Curl leaf mountain

mahogany

Bitter brush

Silver sagebrush

Big sagebrush

Stabilized dune

fields (?)

Shadscale scrub

Greasewood scrub

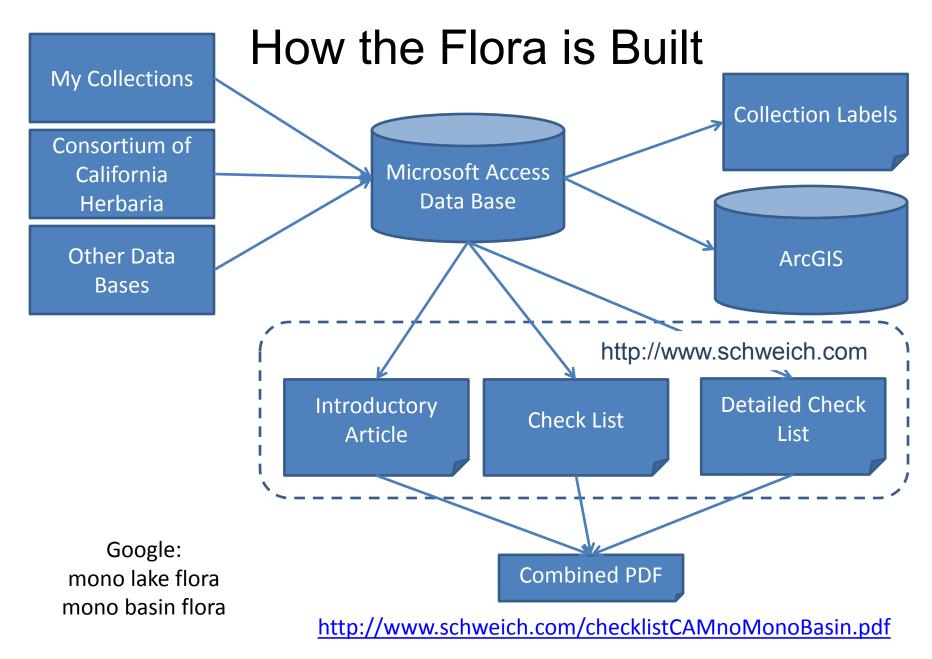
Alkali marshes

Lake level: 6380 ft.

Sawyer, John O., Todd Keeler-Wolf, and Julie M. Evens. 2008.

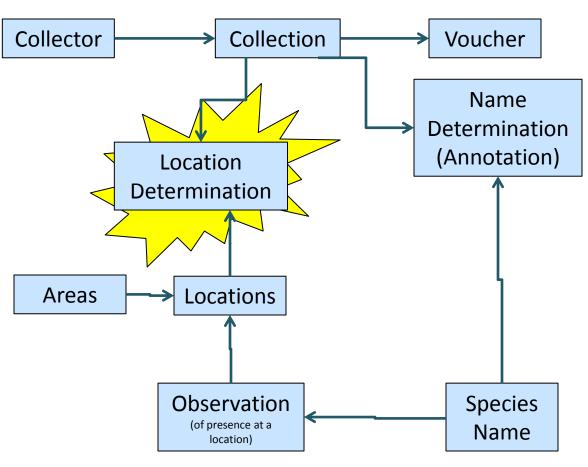
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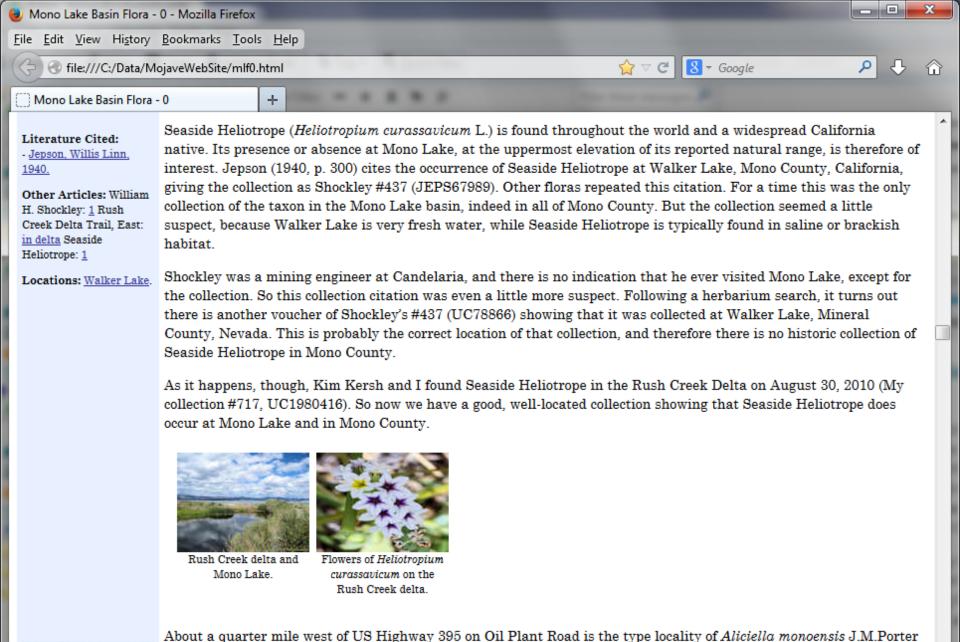
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A typical data model, with the addition of a location determination entity

- Allow multiple "guesses" as to where the collector actually was.
- Only the collector's description of the collection location entered in the collection entity.
- Never over-write the collector's location data.
- Apply placename location.
 I may be more familiar
 with place names in my
 area of work than a
 herbarium curation staff.
- Allow multiple locations for a collection, depending on the purpose of the location determination.





& A.G.Day (Phytotaxa 15:15-25. 2011). The collectors were J.M.Porter & L.E.Machen, their collection #12239.



Edited by Tom Schweich

This list is assembled from personal collections, herbarium vouchers, and published lists. In particular, much of the data is provided by the participants of the Consortium of California Herbaria (http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/consortium/).

For a complete list of Locations included in this Area List, see the Locations Included section, below.

This page is highly summarized. For detail about the distribution of plants, please see: Detailed Area List for Mono Basin, Mono County, United States.

Equisetaceae

- [] Equisetum arvense L. Field Horsetail. LVCyn LVStn
- [] Equisetum telmateia Ehrh. ssp. braunii (Milde) Hauke. LVCyn

Pteridaceae

- [] Aspidotis densa (Brack.) Lellinger. Indian's Dream. L
- [] Cheilanthes gracillima D. C. Eaton. Lace Lipfern. LC
- [] Cryptogramma acrostichoides R. Br. American Rockbrake. LC LVStn
- [] Pellaea breweri D. C. Eaton. Brewer's Cliffbrake. BdC L
- [] Pellaea bridgesii Hook. Bridges' Cliffbrake. L LVCyn

Woodsiaceae

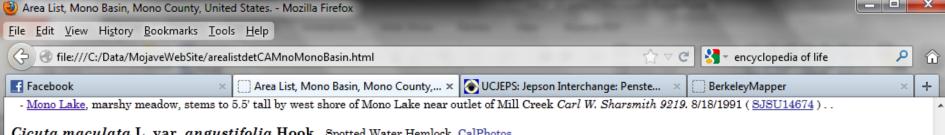
- [] Cystopteris fragilis (L.) Bernh. Brittle Bladderfern. FnK PSp
- [] Woodsia scopulina D. C. Eaton. Rocky Mountain Woodsia. L

Cupressaceae

- [] Juniperus communis L. Common Juniper. LVCyn
- [] Juniperus grandis R. P. Adams. (Syn: Juniperus occidentalis Hook. var. australis (Vasek) A.& N. Holmgren) Big Western Juniper. Gtl. LC MB
- [] Juniperus occidentalis Hook. Western Juniper. BdC GtL L MB P6
- [] Juniperus osteosperma (Torrey) Little. Utah Juniper. CH MB ML

Ephedraceae

[] Ephedra viridis Cov. Green Ephedra. BdC BpC LVCyn MB



Cicuta maculata L. var. angustifolia Hook. Spotted Water Hemlock. CalPhotos

- Bohler Canyon, Along the dirt road on the south side of Bohler Canyon, 1.8 mi (3.0 km) by air west of US Highway 395, Tom Schweich 499, 8/2/2007 (UC1973698).
- Mono Vista Spring, marshy area on the northwestern shore of lake on northwest shore of Mono Lake at Mono Vista Springs Malcolm A. Nobs and S. Galen Smith 1706. 9/1/1949 (UC1191962)...



Cymopterus cinerarius A. Gray. Gray Springparsley. CalPhotos

- Mono Basin, Around Jeffrey pines, in pine needles, and other places with more organic matter than typically found in the volcanic cinder sands. Along California Highway 120, 8 miles east of US Highway 395. Tom Schweich 754, 6/16/2011 (UC1980491).
- Mono Craters, In the open sand flat just north of Mono Craters, 4 miles south of Mono Lake, Mono County, at 6900 feet elevation. David D. Keck and L. R. Abrams 2901. 6/20/1934 (DS242434 DS694432) volcanic gravel with Abronia, Hulsea, Arabis, Eriophyllum, Lupinus, Purshia and scattered Pinus Jeffreyi east slope of Mono Craters L. Constance and R. Bacigalupi 3436, 7/3/1952 (UC967285) In pine needle-covered areas beneath Jeffrey pines, 1.4 miles southeast of Crater Mountain, on a small ridge of cinders. Tom Schweich 703, 8/16/2010 (UC1973771) volcanic summit south of Mono Lake Wm. H. Brewer 1825, 7/8/1863 (JEPS15980).
- Mono Mills, pumice gravel with sand beneath, moist at a depth of ca. 4 inches, surrounded by forest of Pinus jeffreyi sand flat on east side of Mono Craters, along Highway 120 about 10 miles east of junction with Highway 395 Ann Howald 1926. 6/24/1995 (JEPS105490)...











Cymopterus flobosus (S. Watson) S. Watson. Globe Spring-Parsley. CalPhotos

- Larkin Lake, Low dunes. Larkin Lake Mono Basin, Trench Canyon (e side, ca 100 m w of Nevada State Line), PLSS location 4N28E14. Coordinates as "...NW1/4 of SE1/4 Sec 14" Dean Wm. Taylor 16774, 7/2/1998 (UC1731440) . .

Cymopterus terebinthinus (Hook.) Torr. & Gray var. californicus (J. M. Coult. & Rose) Jeps. (Syn: Pteryxia terebinthina (Hook.) Coult & Rose var. californica (Coult. & Rose) Math.) CalPhotos

- Horseshoe Canyon Moraine, Between lateral moraines on Inyo Forest Road 01831, 1.5 miles south of the Rush Creek Return Ditch Gatehouse, and 2.6 miles north of Reversed Peak. Tom Schweich 775. 6/20/2011 (UC (TAS))...



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- 1 Number of collections: 2. My collection at Pilot Spring. Common on Glass Mountain.
- Big Sand Flat, Mouth of Dry Creek at northeast end of Big Sand Flat, close to California Highway 120. Tom Schweich 685, 7/23/2010 (UC(TAS))
- Dry Creek, In the middle reaches of upper Dry Creek, i.e., above Big Sand Flat. *Tom Schweich 653*.
- June Lake, Wet meadow. At head of June Lake FredaDetmers 17858, 8/27/1933 (RSA498840).
- Pilot Spring, 26.4 km southeast of Lee Vining, 15.4 km northwest of Glass Mountain, and 143 km NE of Fresno, California, Tom Schweich 560, 8/13/2008 (



Holodiscus mierophyllus Rydb. Ocean Spray.

Mono Craters, on lava talus Carl W. Sharsmith 5668.



Holodiscus microphyllus Rydb. var. microphyhllus. Ocean Spray. CalPhotos

Sagehen Meadow, Near top of hill north of Sagehen Meadow. Tom Schweich 668, 7/16/2010 (Alameda

Horkelia fusca Lindl. var. parviflora. (Syn: Horkelia fusca Lindl. ssp. parviflora (Nutt.) D. D. Keck) Smallflower Horkelia. CalPhotos

Murphy Spring, Drying edge of a wet meadow. Fairly common, beside Bodie Road [CA Hwy 270], 3 miles southwest of Bodie State Historic Park George K. Helmkamp 401, 9/23/1995 (UCR88320) In a wet meadow below California Highway 270 about 0.4 mi (0.6 km) southwest of Murphy Spring. Too Schweich 689, 7/25/2010 (Alameda UC(TAS)).



Horkeliella congdonis (Rydb.)

Rydb. Congdon's False Horkelia. CalPhotos Lower Horse Meadow, meadow border on granitic

substrate with Artemisia tridentata, Iris missouriensis Dean Wm. Taylor 16986. 8/24/1998 (

Parker Creek, on moraine hillside, on dry sandy soil associated with Artemisia south of Parker Creek James L. Reveal and Jack L. Reveal 448, 7/29/1962 (

Pumice Valley, open pumice flat with sparse turf of Carex douglasii and a few shrubs of Artemisia tridentata, Chrysothamnus nauseosus Highway 120 about o.3 miles east of Hwy 395 Dean Wm. Taylor 16173. 8/3/1997 (JEPS96956)

Sagehen Meadow, Occasional, flws white.; Gently Esloping heavily grazed dry meadow of soft silty pumice alluvium over granitic bedrock. Uplands of Artemisia tridentata / Purshia tridentata scrub. GLASS MOUNTAIN REGION Sagehen Meadow area; along 4WD road running S from Gaspipe Spring and Hwy 120 as it crosses dry springfed drainages, Appx. 1/2 mi. NE of Sagehen Spr. campground. Michael Honer 975, 6/21/2001 (RSA682390 UC1786792) North edge of meadow Tom Schweich 694, 7/26/2010 (Alameda UC(TAS))





Potentilla anserina L ssp. anserina. (Syn. Argentina anserina (L.) ssp. egedii A. Love & Ritchie) Silver Weed Cinquefoil. CalPhotos

June Lake (as a collecting locality). Tom Schweich 9/9/2011. east end around seach

Reversed Peak, On the drying shore of natural ponds called "Snow Ponds" by local residents, south flank of Reversed Peak, about 1 mile northwest of Guil lake. Tom Schweich 562, 8/14/2008 (Alameda



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Potentilla biennis Greene. Biennial Cinquefoil.

Perennial herb (not shrub), to 4 dm, without stolons. Stem some hairs weakly glandular, Leaflets 3: Petals yellow, 1.5 mm; Carpels numerous on a Fecaus sensor, 1.5 mm; Carpers numerous on a convex receptacle; Styles attached at tip of achene-(carpel?), 0.6 mm long, widest at base, bumpy; Achene glabrous (Described from Coll. No. 688, 7

Bloody Canyon, Chesnut and Drew 7/20/1889 (

June Lake (as a collecting locality), Lewis S. Rose 40730, 772/1940 (UC860525 UCR11999)

Larkin Lake, light gray subalkaline mud in Iva axillaris Mhulenbergia richardsonis meadow bordering large Eleocharis macrostachya lakebed Dean Wm. Taylor 7786, 7/15/1980 (JEPS100238)

Murphy Spring, In a watercourse about 0.4 mi (0.6 km) southwest of Murphy Spring. Tom Schweich 688. 7/25/2010 (Alameda UC(TAS))

Rush Creek, Geographic coordinates estimated 29 Jul 2010. In gravel on south side of Rush Creek just below Grant Lake dam, Tom Schweich 524, 8/2/2007



Potentilla breweri S. Watson, Syn: Potentilla drummondii Lehm. ssp. breweri (S. Watson) Ertter).

Bloody Canyon, head Bloody Canyon Unknown 8/16/1894 (UC114329) . Potentilla gracilis Hook. Slender Cinquefoil.

Mono Lake, upper Sonoran, granite soil, meadow

Lyman Benson 3808. 7/1/1932 (UC511303) Potentilla gracilis Hook. var. elmeri (Rydb.)

Jeps. Comb-Leaf Cinquefoil. CalPhotos Lundy, 8000-9000 ft vicinity of Lundy Miss Maud Minthorn 6/20/1908 (UC420588) .

Sagehen Meadow, With sagebrush. South side of meadow. Tom Schweich 630, 7/5/2010 (UC1973736 UC (FAS))



Potentilla gracilis Hook, var. fastigiata (Nutt.) S. Watson. Slender Cinquefoil.

Perennial herbaceous; Stem ascending, hairs one length; Leaves palmately compound; Leaflets 7 12-toothed ± half or less to mid-veins, hairs straight spreading (not shaggy or cottony hairy), top and bottom surfaces similarly harry; Flowers in cymes; Sepals 5; Petals 5, yellow, equal to or slightly longer than sepals; Receptacle not enlarged; Stamens many (13 counted); Style jointed to fruit, 2 mm, slightly tapered; Achenes not fleshy. (Described from Coll. No. 471, 30 Nov 2011).

Rattlesnake Gulch, Collected in a marshy area of Rattlesnake Gulch, about one-half mile northeaet of US Highway 395, and 10 miles north of Lee Vining Tom Schweich 471. 6/26/2007 (Alameda UC(TAS))



Prunus andersonii A. Gray. Desert Peach.

Bohler Canyon, Edge of wet meadow along the dirt road on the south side of Bohler Canyon, 1.8 mi (3.0 km) by air west of US Highway 395. Tom Schweich 502. 8/2/2007 (UC1973700)

Lee Vining, Sagebrush Scrub Desert, sandy soils. 1 mile south of Lee Vining Lyman Benson 12128 7/27/1946 (UC1552000)

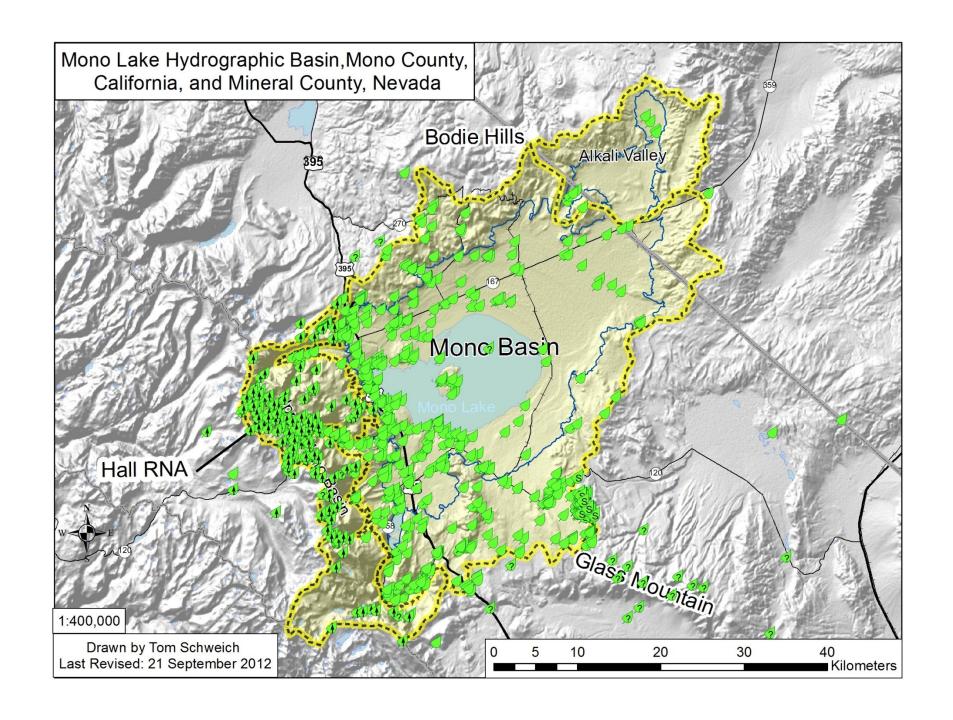
Mill Creek, on plain at lake Near Mill Creek at northwest corner of Mono Lake. R. F. Hoover 5423. 7/5/1941 (UC765501)

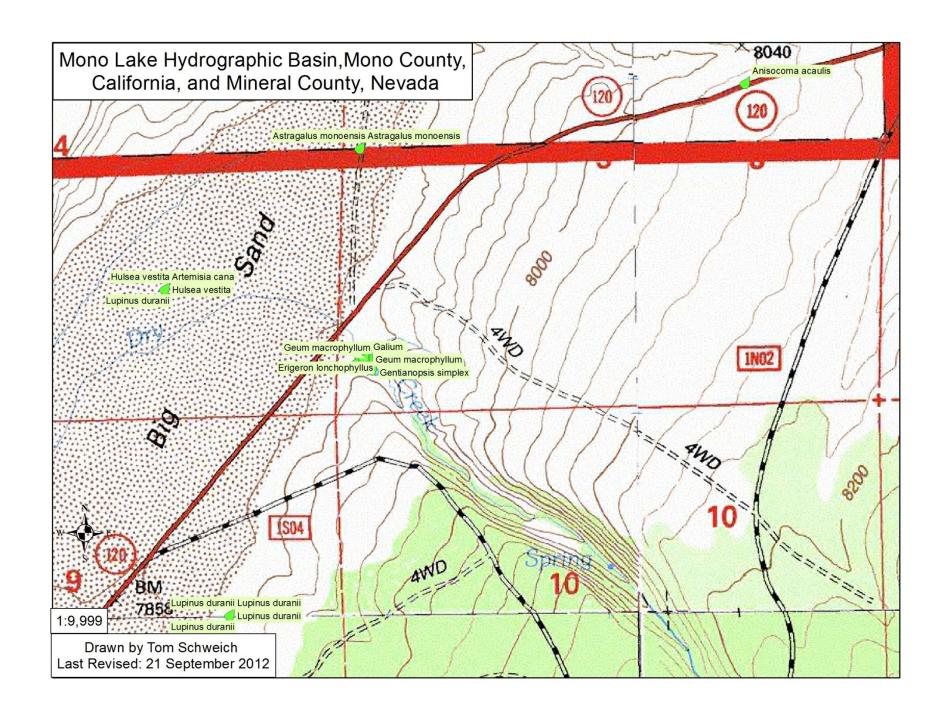
Mono Basin, Winkler, David W., 1977 Jones & Stokes Associates, 1993

Mono Lake, 3 miles north of Mono Lake, Herbert L. Mason 11501. 8/1/1936 (UC1083120). MBRG P-2, Observation per MBRG vouche

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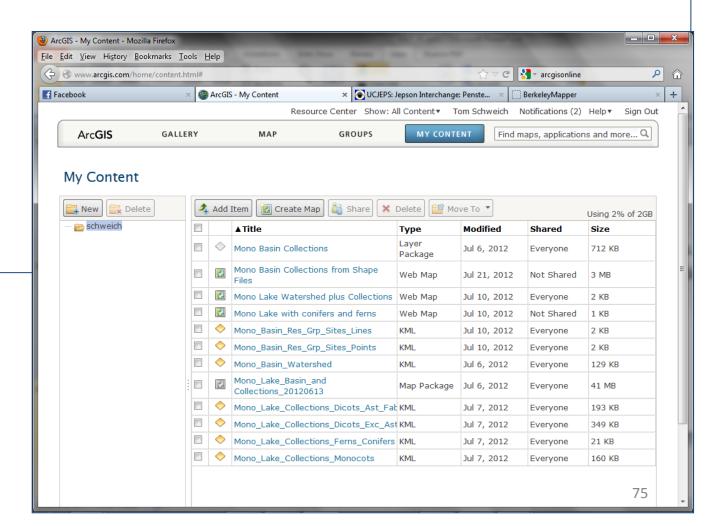
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Mono Basin plant collection locations by Tom Schweich

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