

**HAIRY ORCUTT GRASS
(ORCUTTIA PILOSA)**

Federal/California status: Endangered/Endangered
California Native Plant Society List 1B



Description

Hairy Orcutt grass is an annual in the grass family (Poaceae) with a branched, tufted head of numerous flowers, and reaches from 2 to 8 inches (5 to 20 cm) in height. Flowers bloom from May to July. This hairy grass is yellow-green in color and aromatic.

Habitat

Hairy Orcutt grass occurs in the beds of vernal pools and may be associated with Hoover's spurge (Chamaesyce hooveri), Colusa grass (Neostapfia colusana) San Joaquin Valley Orcutt grass (Orcuttia inaequalis) and Green's tuctoria (Tuctoria greenei).

Range/distribution

Within the project area, it is known to occur in Tehama, Butte, Glenn, Stanislaus, Merced, and Madera counties.

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