

***Malacothamnus aboriginum* (B.L. Rob.)**

Greene

INDIAN VALLEY BUSH-MALLOW

Malvaceae

Status:

CNPS Rare Plant Rank 1B.2

Federal: unlisted

State: unlisted

State Rank: S2

Habitat: Open rocky, granitic slopes, often in burned areas. Chaparral, cismontane woodland. 150-1,700 meters (492-5,577 feet)



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Counties:

Fresno, Kings, Monterey, San Benito, **Santa Clara,** **San Mateo**

Life Form:

Dicot
perennial
deciduous shrub

Bloom period:

April - October



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Inflorescence spike- or panicle-like; hairs ± yellow



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Key to our local (San Mateo and Santa Clara County) Malacothamnus species

*indicates Rare and/or Endangered species

1. Inflorescence spike- or panicle-like; flowers generally \pm 10 per node; leaf-like bracts many

2. Hairs \pm yellow; branches spreading or \pm erect....M. aboriginum* (INDIAN VALLEY BUSH-MALLOW)

2' Hairs white; branches \pm erect....M. fremontii (FREMONT'S BUSH-MALLOW)

1' Inflorescence panicle-like; flowers 3-7 per node; leaf-like bracts few

3. Hairs \pm yellow; stellate hairs with $<$ 10 rays.....M. davidsonii* (DAVIDSON'S BUSH-MALLOW)

3' Hairs white; stellate hairs with $>$ 25 rays

4. Stellate hairs adaxially (upper surface) $<$ abaxially (lower surface); veins \pm prominent abaxially (lower surface); flowering stalks $<$ 0.5 cm; flower buds rounded; fruit segments shallowly notched.....M. hallii* (HALL'S BUSH-

MALLOW)

4' Stellate hairs \pm equally dense abaxially (lower surface), adaxially (upper surface); flowering stalks $<$ 1.5 cm; flower buds acuminate; fruit: segments deeply notched.....M. fasciculatus (M. arcuatus*) (CHAPARRAL MALLOW)