

NOTEWORTHY COLLECTION

CALIFORNIA

ERIOGONUM HERACLEOIDES Nutt. var. *HERACLEOIDES* (POLYGONACEAE).—El Dorado Co., the intersection of North Upper Truckee Rd and Shoshone Rd, South Lake Tahoe, CA, 1.9 mi N of U.S. Hwy 50, 38.87152°N, -120.03767°W, 6473 ft, July 28, 2012; same site different occurrence at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 50 and Pioneer Trail, SE corner about 50 ft from the roadside, 38.859059°N, -120.011704°W, 28 July 2012, *Hoyer 2* (BH, JEPS, RENO, SD). Identification confirmed by Dr. James L. Reveal (Cornell Univ.).

Observed at two locations alongside the road within 1.5 mi of each other, one with approximately 50 plants and the other with hundreds of plants. Plants were growing in partial shade to full sun. Associated species include: *Pinus contorta* Douglas ex Loudon, *P. jeffreyi* Balf., and *Eriogonum umbellatum* Torr.

NEVADA

ERIOGONUM HERACLEOIDES Nutt. var. *HERACLEOIDES* (POLYGONACEAE).—Douglas Co., State-line, NV, at the intersection of Kingsbury Grade Rd (Nevada Hwy 207) and Kahle Dr, 0.2 mi E of U.S. Hwy 50, 38.96860°N, -119.93191°W, 6335 ft, 28 July 2012, *Hoyer 1* (BH, JEPS, RENO, SD, US). Identification confirmed by Dr. James L. Reveal (Cornell Univ.).

Observed at one location, with slightly less than 100 plants. Plants appeared to be planted as part of a restoration project and were growing in full sun. Associated species: *Pinus jeffreyi* Balf.

Previous knowledge. *Eriogonum heracleoides* var. *heracleoides* is a perennial herb that forms a spreading mat. It has a distinctive whorl of foliaceous bracts about

midway up the flowering stem. The previously known distribution spanned from southern British Columbia, Canada, S through Washington and Oregon to northeastern California (Modoc Co.), and E across Idaho, portions of Nevada (Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Washoe, and White Pine cos.), and northern Utah to western Montana, western Wyoming, and northwestern Colorado (Baldwin et al. 2012; J. L. Reveal, Cornell Univ., personal communication), and is absent from the Tahoe Basin (Smith 1984).

Significance. This site represents the southernmost occurrence in California and the first within the Tahoe Basin. Both locations abut roadsides suggesting the taxon was introduced by restoration efforts mitigating roadwork impacts. Natural resource management agencies should be aware of this possible introduction pathway and avoid introducing this species outside its native range. (Special thanks to my father, Dr. William F. Hoyer Jr., for bringing this population to my attention).

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