Sulcaria badia

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Taxonomy

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**Taxon Name:** *Sulcaria badia* Brodo & D.Hawksw.

**Assessment Information**

**Red List Category & Criteria:** Endangered B2ab(i,ii,iii,iv,v) [ver 3.1](#)

**Year Published:** 2019

**Date Assessed:** August 30, 2017

**Justification:**

This species warrants a rank of Endangered B2ab(i,ii,iii,iv,v) because its AOO is <500 km², its population is severely fragmented, and its EOO and suitable habitat are under threat and are in decline. Only a few populations are in protected areas, and the population decline is thus ongoing.

**Geographic Range**

**Range Description:**

This species is endemic to the west coast of the United States and is found from Washington to northern California. There are very few known populations of *Sulcaria badia* and negative impacts to the species from increasing residential and agricultural development have been documented. Three populations have already been reported as extirpated.

**Country Occurrence:**

**Native:** United States (California, Oregon, Washington - Possibly Extinct)
Distribution Map

*Sulcaria badia*

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Population

This species was originally known from Washington, Oregon and California. However, the Washington population has not been successfully relocated (Peterson et al. 1998) and further searching did not result in any newly discovered populations in that area (Carlberg 2006). *Sulcaria badia* occurs at 11 localities that are presumed extant and 3 that are presumed to be extirpated (Carlberg and Toren 2006). At 7 of the 11 localities it is sparse, colonizing fewer than five trees (Carlberg and Toren 2009, McMullin 2015).

**Current Population Trend:** Decreasing

Habitat and Ecology (see Appendix for additional information)

This species typically occurs in *Quercus garryana* grasslands or rarely in mature *Pseudotsuga menziesii* forests containing some *Quercus kelloggii* and one site is in a coastal dune forest (Brodo and Hawksworth 1977, Peterson et al. 1998, Carlberg and Toren 2006). It usually occurs on *Quercus garryana*, but it is also known to grow on *Acer macrophyllum*, *Fraxinus oregana*, *Malus* sp., *Pinus ponderosa*, *Pseudotsuga menziesii*, and *Rhododendron macrophyllum* (Brodo and Hawksworth 1977, Peterson et al. 1998, Carlberg and Toren 2006).

**Systems:** Terrestrial

Threats (see Appendix for additional information)

Agricultural development is a major threat to localities in the *Quercus garryana* grasslands due to the removal of trees and drift from fertilizers and herbicides (Peterson et al. 1998, Carlberg and Toren 2006). An increase in development also threatens to reduce habitat and increase air pollution (Peterson et al. 1998, Carlberg and Toren 2006). Climate change is also predicted to create a warmer and drier habitat for *S. badia* (Peterson et al. 1998, Mote 2003).

Conservation Actions (see Appendix for additional information)

Ensuring that populations of this species are not affected by any increasing human residential and agricultural development is essential. It should be listed in the United States as an endangered species. Education and training of land managers and local botanists to identify the species should be conducted, and contracted experts should be hired to conduct detailed monitoring at various time intervals (every 5 to 10 years).

Research on the population size and genetics would greatly enhance our understanding of this species. Long-term monitoring projects need to be conducted. In Washington State, *Sulcaria badia* is ranked as SH (possibly extinct) and G3 globally by the Washington Natural Heritage Program (http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/lists/lichens.html). The Oregon Natural Heritage Program (2004) ranks *S. badia* as S2 in the state and G2 globally. In California, a rank of S2S3 in the state and G2G3 globally was recommended by Carlberg and Toren (2006).

Credits

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## Appendix

### Habitats

(http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes)

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### Plant Growth Forms

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**Conservation Actions in Place**

In-Place Research, Monitoring and Planning

- Action Recovery plan: No
- Systematic monitoring scheme: No

In-Place Land/Water Protection and Management

- Conservation sites identified: Yes, over part of range
- Occur in at least one PA: Yes
- Percentage of population protected by PAs (0-100): 51-60
- Invasive species control or prevention: Not Applicable

In-Place Species Management

- Harvest management plan: No
- Successfully reintroduced or introduced beningly: Yes
- Subject to ex-situ conservation: No

In-Place Education

- Subject to recent education and awareness programmes: No
- Included in international legislation: No
- Subject to any international management/trade controls: No

**Conservation Actions Needed**

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**Additional Data Fields**
**Distribution**

- Estimated area of occupancy (AOO) (km$^2$): 44
- Continuing decline in area of occupancy (AOO): Yes
- Extreme fluctuations in area of occupancy (AOO): No
- Estimated extent of occurrence (EOO) (km$^2$): 27347
- Continuing decline in extent of occurrence (EOO): Yes
- Extreme fluctuations in extent of occurrence (EOO): No
- Number of Locations: 11
- Continuing decline in number of locations: Yes
- Extreme fluctuations in the number of locations: No
- Lower elevation limit (m): 0
- Upper elevation limit (m): 1000

**Population**

- Continuing decline of mature individuals: Yes
- Extreme fluctuations: No
- Population severely fragmented: Yes
- Continuing decline in subpopulations: Yes
- Extreme fluctuations in subpopulations: No
- All individuals in one subpopulation: No

**Habitats and Ecology**

- Continuing decline in area, extent and/or quality of habitat: Yes
- Movement patterns: Not a Migrant
- Congregatory: Congregatory (year-round)
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