

Scientific Name	Species: <i>Cryptantha grandiflora</i>	Index Result: Moderately Vulnerable
Common Name	Clearwater cryptantha	Confidence Moderate
Taxonomic Group	Vascular Plant	(based on entered data)
Geographic Area	OR, WA, ID (full range)	Date Assessed 8/13/2019
Cave/Ground Water Obligate: No		GRank G3?
Migratory area included in assessment:	No	SRank S2
		Assessor Lindsey Wise

Climate Change Vulnerability Index Values: (greatest score shown when range was selected)

Category	Factor	Score	
Temperature Scope (predicted increase)	A >6.0F	0	
	A 5.5F	0	
	A 5.1F	40	
	A 4.5F	60	
	A 3.9F	0	
	A <3.9F	0	
Hamon AET:PET Moisture Metric Scope	< -0.119	10	
	-0.119	50	
	-0.096	30	
	-0.073	10	
	-0.05	0	
	>-0.028	0	
			Comments
Sea level rise	B1	N	Species is not coastal.
Natural barriers	B2a	SI	Snake and Columbia Rivers may be barriers.
Anthropogenic barriers	B2b	N	Species range is in a sparsely populated area.
Climate Change mitigation	B3	SI	There is potential for wind or solar development within its range.
Dispersal/Movement	C1	N	Some Cryptantha species have a positive response to fire (Keeley & Fotheringham). Casper (1987) suggested seed dispersal of Cryptantha flava by wind, mammals, or water could potentially carry seeds long distances. Most of range is in the >57 deg. F temperature variation range. C. grandiflora currently occupies exposed southern slopes in a region with hot summers. About 11 to 13 inches historical variation in precipitation within geographic range. Not known or expected to be dependent on a seasonal hydrological niche, given its known habitat. According to Darrach, this species is only found on an atypical Columbia River Basalt that is a gabbro high in metals.
Historical thermal niche	C2ai	N	
Physiological thermal niche	C2aii	N	
Historical hydrological niche	C2bi	SI	
Physiol. hydrological niche	C2bii	N	
Disturbance dependence	C2c	U	
Ice/snow dependence	C2d	N	
Physical habitat restrictions	C3	Inc	
Other spp create habitat	C4a	N	
Dietary Versatility	C4b	U	

Pollinator Versatility	C4c	N	Castro (1983) found a variety of pollinators visited two species of <i>Cryptantha</i> . Likely to be true of <i>C. grandiflora</i> .
Other spp for dispersal	C4d	N	
Pathogen sensitivity	C4e	U	Seeds likely dispersed by several methods (wind, mammals, water). Known Oregon sites are being impacted by invasive annual grasses including <i>Ventenata dubia</i> .
	C4f	Inc	
Competition sensitivity			
Interspecific Relationship	C4g	U	
Measured genetic variation	C5a	U	
Bottlenecks	C5b	U	
Plant reproductive system	C5c	U	
Phenological response	C6	U	
Documented response	D1	U	
Modeled change	D2	U	
Modeled overlap	D3	U	
Modeled protected areas	D4	U	

Additional Notes:

There is some taxonomic disagreement regarding this species, with many sources synonymizing it with *C. intermedia*. ORBIC and Flora of Pacific NW consider *C. grandiflora* a valid species, covering a much smaller geographic area than *C. intermedia*. This smaller range is what is assessed here.

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Data sources and notes:

Climate and precipitation data from Climate Wizard using the A1B emissions scenario and ensemble average general circulation model: Historical = 1951-2006; Future = mid-century (2050s); Hamon AET:PET moisture metric (Hamon 1961). Species data from ORBIC database. Assessment performed in conjunction with the NatureServe Element Rank Calculator. Other resources consulted: NREL national wind resources, 50m resolution (<https://www.nrel.gov/gis/data-wind.html>); SILVIS lab Wildland Urban Interface 2010 layer (<http://silvis.forest.wisc.edu/data/wui-change/>); Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries geologic map (<https://www.oregongeology.org/gis/>); US mining claims on federal lands (<http://mrdata.usgs.gov/mine-claim/>); Oregon Protected Areas Database (<http://gapanalysis.usgs.gov/padus/data/>).

Detailed definitions of criteria and methodology can be found in the documentation at <http://www.natureserve.org/conservation-tools/climate-change-vulnerability-index>

Legend and Definitions:

Affect to Vulnerability:

GI = Greatly increase

Index Scores:

Extremely Vulnerable: Abundance and/or range extent within geographical area assessed extremely likely to substantially decrease or disappear by 2050.

Highly Vulnerable: Abundance and/or range extent within geographical area assessed likely to decrease significantly by 2050.

Inc = Increase
SI = Somewhat increase
N = Neutral
U = Unknown

Moderately Vulnerable: Abundance and/or range extent within geographical area assessed likely to decrease by 2050.

Less Vulnerable: Available evidence does not suggest that abundance and/or range extent within the geographical area assessed will change (increase/decrease) substantially by 2050. Actual range boundaries may change.

Insufficient Evidence: Information entered about a species' vulnerability is inadequate to calculate an Index score.

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