

Heritage Rank Status Factors

Elcode IMGASG3400
Gname FLUMINICOLA SP 17
Gcomname DISJUNCT PEBBLESNAIL

Number of Occurrences

A = 1 - 5

Comments Upper Sacramento River endemic and is found only in the Shasta Springs area. Frest and Johannes (1993a, 1995c) collected it from 3 sites, none of which are on federal land (Furnish et al., 1997).

Number of Occurrences with Good Viability

B = Very few (1-3) occurrences with good viability

Comments Rank unknown, but based on a few sites.

Population Size

U = Unknown

Comments

Range Extent

A = <100 km² (less than about 40 square miles)

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Area of Occupancy

A = <0.4 km² (less than about 100 acres)

LA = <4 km (less than about 2.5 miles)

Comments It is only known to occur at 3 sites ranging from 756-768 meters (2480-2520 feet) in elevation (Frest and Johannes, 1999; Furnish et al., 1997).

Long-term Trend in Population Size, Extent of Occurrence, Area of Occupancy, and/or Number or Condition of Occurrences

B = Large Decline (decline of 75-90%)

C = Substantial Decline (decline of 50-75%)

Comments Large/Substantial decline

Short-term Trend in Population Size, Extent of Occurrence, Area of Occupancy, and/or Number or Condition of Occurrences

U = Unknown. Short-term trend in population, range, area occupied, and number and condition of occurrences

unknown.

Comments Unknown

Threats

A = Substantial, imminent threat. Threat is moderate to severe and imminent for most (> 60%) of the population, occurrences, or area. Ecological community occurrences are directly impacted over a widespread area, either causing irreversible damage or requiring long term recovery

Scope High Severity High Immediacy High

Comments Threats include: Chemical spills and other forms of water pollution (e.g., livestock use of springs and channel bottoms) resulting in effects such as: (1) direct mortality of species as evidenced by the recent (1991) Cantara Spill on the Upper Sacramento River, and (2) deleterious habitat alterations resulting from factors such as eutrophication caused by excessive fertilization, reduced dissolved oxygen levels, or elevated water temperatures. Dam construction that submerges cold springs, slows current velocities, lowers the availability of oxygen, and allows fine sediments to accumulate. Existing dams on the Sacramento River (e.g., Shasta Dam, Whiskeytown Reservoir, and Siskiyou Lake) and the Pit River have already caused extensive destruction of potentially suitable habitat. Reductions in water flow by water diversions, road construction, or pumping of aquifers results in elimination or reduction of aquatic habitat for snails. Excessive sedimentation from a variety of activities such as logging, mining, road and railroad grade construction, and grazing may smother substrates preferred by these species and may impair egg-laying or survivorship of eggs or young (Frest and Johannes, 1999; Furnish and Monthey, 1999).

Number of Appropriately Protected and Managed Occurrences

A = None. No occurrences appropriately protected and managed

Comments There are no known protected occurrences. Frest and Johannes (1993a, 1995c) collected it from 3 sites, none of which are on federal land.

Intrinsic Vulnerability

A = Highly Vulnerable. Species is slow to mature, reproduces infrequently, and/or has low fecundity such that populations are very slow (> 20 years or 5 generations) to recover from decreases in abundance; or species has low dispersal capability such that extirpated populations are unlikely to become reestablished through natural recolonization (unaided by humans). Ecological community occurrences are highly susceptible to changes in composition and structure that rarely if ever are reversed through natural processes even over substantial time periods (> 100 years).

Comments Typically, members of the genus are dioecious (i.e., have separate sexes) and semelparous (i.e., breed only once in their lifetime and then die). Individuals have a life span of one year, with 90 percent or more of the population turning over annually. Surviving individuals are generally those that do not breed during their first year. Eggs are laid in the spring and hatch in approximately 2-4 weeks. Sexual maturity is reached by late summer, after a few months of growth. Individuals overwinter as adults and do not disperse widely, so populations remain very localized in their distribution (Furnish and Monthey, 1999).

Environmental Specificity

A = Very Narrow. Specialist or community with key requirements scarce.

Comments It is only known to occur at 3 sites ranging from 756-768 meters (2480-2520 feet) in elevation. Lower parts of larger cold springs, on Rorippa and large substrate particles. May be associated with other endemic Fluminicola species. This taxon appears to be an obligate crenocole, found only in very large cold springs (Frest and Johannes, 1999).

Other Considerations

NRANK: N1. All sites occupied by these snails should be protected. Cited as Fluminicola n. sp. 5 in Frest and

Johannes (1993b; 1995a).

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Greasons

Limited number of occurrences, with restricted range. There are no known protected occurrences.

BCD Sources

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