

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY RELEVÉ FIELD FORM

(Revised 8/23/07)

Page _____ of Relevé # _____

See code list for italicized fields

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY		
Polygon # _____ or Relevé # _____	Permanent Number: _____	
Date _____ / _____ / _____ MM DD YYYY	Airphoto # _____	Community Name: _____ Community Number: _____ Occurrence Number: _____
County _____	Source Code: _____	
USGS Quad. _____	7.5' or 15' (Circle one)	Quad Code: _____ Quad Name: _____ Map Index Number: _____
CNPS Chapter _____	Update: Yes No (Circle one)	
Landowner _____		
Contact Person _____		
Address _____		
City _____	Zip _____	Phone number _____
Observers _____		
Relevé plot shape (square, rectangle, triangle, circle, entire stand) _____ NOTE: Forest/woodland plots should be <u>1000m²</u> if upland or <u>400m²</u> if riparian. Relevé plot size (length and width of rectangle, or circle-diameter) _____ (m.) All shrub plots should be <u>400m²</u> . Herb plots should be <u>100</u> or <u>10m²*</u> . (1000m ²) *Please consult with CNPS Vegetation Ecologist on herb plots. For circle radiuses: 5.64m (100m ²), 11.28m (400m ²), 17.84m Study Plot Revisit? <u>Yes</u> or <u>No</u> (Circle one) Photo Interpreter Community Code for Polygon _____ Other polygons of same type? <u>Yes</u> or <u>No</u> Is plot representative of whole polygon? <u>Yes</u> or <u>No</u> (Circle one) If not, why not? _____		
GPS File # _____ GPS name (or points in file) _____ Start Time _____: _____ (am or pm) GPS Datum (from GPS setup) (e.g. WGS 84, NAD 27) File type: Point or Polygon (circle one) Releve: UTME _____ UTMN _____ Error ± _____ ft/m UTM Zone _____ Transect: Start UTME _____ UTMN _____ End: UTME _____ UTMN _____		
Elevation (ft.) _____ Slope (°) _____ Aspect (°) _____ Topography: <i>Macro</i> _____ <i>Micro</i> _____		
VEGETATION DESCRIPTION		
Dominant Layer ___ 0-0.5 m, ___ 0.5-5 m, ___ >5 m Preliminary Alliance Name _____ Stand Size ___ <1 acre, ___ 1-5 acres, ___ >5 acres Dominant Vegetation Group _____ (use codes from code list)		
Phenology: Ground _____ Shrub _____ Tree _____ (Early, Peak, Late)		
Wetland Community Type _____ (Wetland or Upland) If Community Type = Wetland (see Artificial Keys to Cowardin Systems and Names) Cowardin System _____ Subsystem _____ Class _____ Distance to water (m): Vertical _____ Horizontal _____ Channel form (if riverine) _____ (Straight, Meandering, Braided)		
Adjacent Alliance _____	Location (e.g., North, South, East, or West of stand) _____	Description (up to 4 species by layer) _____

Photographs – Note which camera, photo JPEG/frame numbers, and photo direction relative to plot.		

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY RELEVÉ FIELD FORM

Page _____ of Relevé # _____

STAND AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESCRIPTION

Trend code _____ Site Impact codes _____
 1. Increasing 2. Stable 3. Decreasing (List codes in order, with most significant first)
 4. Fluctuating 5. Unknown Site Intensity _____
 _____ 1. Light 2. Moderate 3. Heavy (List beneath each impact code)

Site Location and Plot Description – Describing where the plot is located and what the main vegetation and environmental features are

Site History – Including observations of fire scars, insect/disease damage, grazing/browsing, human disturbance

Sensitive Species – List species observed and GPS UTM's; Estimate size and extent of local populations

Unknown Specimens – List code, identification notes (e.g. Genus, condition of specimen) of unknowns

Additional Comments – Including animal observations, anthropological observations, abiotic features

Surface Coarse Fragments and Soils Information (see cover class intervals-below ↓)

Type:	Fines	Gravel	Cobble	Stone	Boulders	Bedrock	Litter	Water	Living stems
Descriptor:	Including sand, mud	2mm-7.5 cm diameter	7.5-25 cm diam	25-60cm diam.	>60cm diam.	Including outcrops	Organic matter covering ground	Standing or running water	Vascular plants at ground surface
Cover class (see below):									
% Cover*:									

*note all surface fragments, non-vegetation, living stems, etc., should add up to 100%

Cover Class Intervals: 1 (<1%), 2 (1-5%), 3a (>5-15%), 3b (>15-25%), 4 (>25-50%), 5 (>50-75%), 6 (>75%)

% Bioturbation _____ **Soil Texture** _____ (*Code*) **Parent Material** _____ (*Code*)

Height classes: 01=<1/2m, 02=1/2-1m, 03=1-2m, 04=2-5m, 05=5-10m, 06=10-15m, 07=15-20m, 08=20-35m, 09=35-50m, 10=>50m.

