

SELAGINELLA SPECIES OF CALIFORNIA: SHORT KEY

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| 1. Growing on trees | oregana |
| 2. growing on ground or among rocks | |
| A. Bristle on sporophyll absent | |
| 1. Bristle on leaf present | eremophila |
| 2. Bristle on leaf absent | cinerascens |
| B. Bristle on sporophyll present | |
| 1. Abaxial ridge on sporophyll inconspicuous | bigelovii |
| 2. Abaxial ridge on sporophyll present to prominent | |
| A. Strobili conspicuous and long, often paired | wallacei |
| B. Strobili solitary and short to inconspicuous | |
| 1. Sporophyll margin entire | watsonii |
| 2. Sporophyll margin variably ciliate to denticulate | |
| A. Bristle on leaf very short, inconspicuous | leucobryoides |
| B. Bristle on leaf visible | |
| 1. Dried stems break apart with handling | asprella |
| 2. Dried stems do not fall apart with handling | |
| A. Strobili short | hansenii |
| B. Strobili long | scopulorum |