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ABSTRACT

The San Joaquin Site is briefly described in terms of location, size, climate, soils, vegetation, and fauna; and previous studies on the experimental area are highlighted. Detailed appendix material is included for: (1) vegetation, (2) fauna, (3) soils, and (4) publications, 1935-1975.

I. *Site Name: San Joaquin*

The study site is located on the San Joaquin Experimental Range, a field location of the Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station, U.S. Forest Service. The Experimental Range is owned by the Forest Service and, since its establishment in 1934, has been the site of a wide variety of biological investigations by station scientists and cooperators from a number of state and federal organizations, agencies, and universities.

II. *Location and Elevation*

The experimental range is in the lower Sierra Nevada foothills of central California, about 25 miles (40 km) northeast of Fresno on State Highway 41. The closest air terminal is Fresno. Fig. 1, 2, and 3 show the location of the study area. Elevation extends from 700 to 1700 feet (214 to 518 m).

III. *Size*

The Experimental Range is approximately 4,500 acres (1,822 ha) in size. It has been grazed, primarily by cattle, for many years, with the exception of the Research Natural Area, which has been ungrazed and unburned since 1934. A variety of range livestock grazing, animal husbandry, range improvement (fertilization, reseeding, brush control, etc.), wildlife habitat, and zoological studies have been conducted.

IV. *Type of Grassland*

California's annual grasslands, often called the annual, annual plant, or annual grass types, make up a unique vegetation type which consists largely of about 400 introduced species, with the aliens

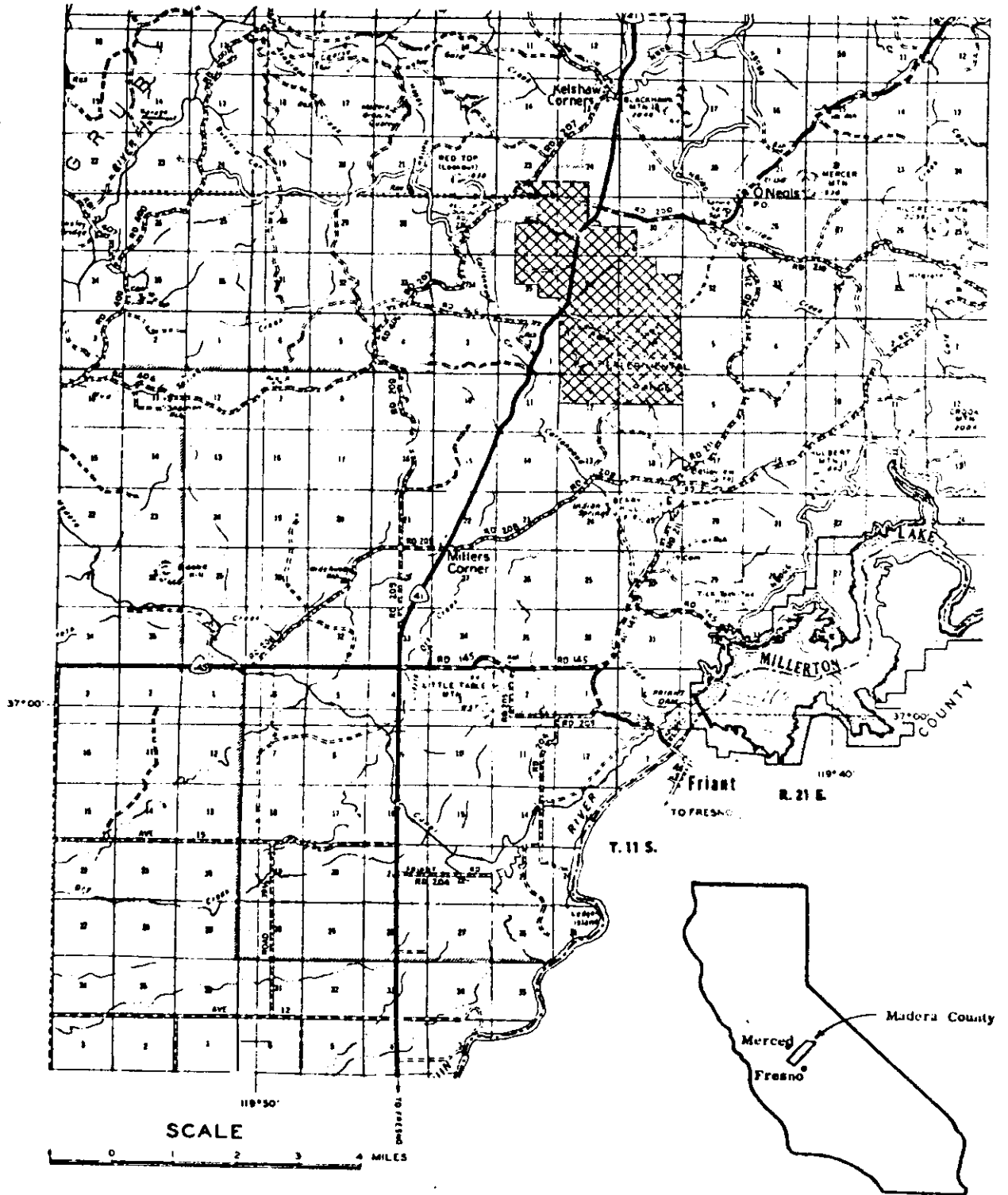


Fig. 1. Location of San Joaquin Experimental Range (cross hatched area) in Madera County. Inset shows location of Madera County in California. Source: C. E. Erickson Assoc., Madera County Maps.

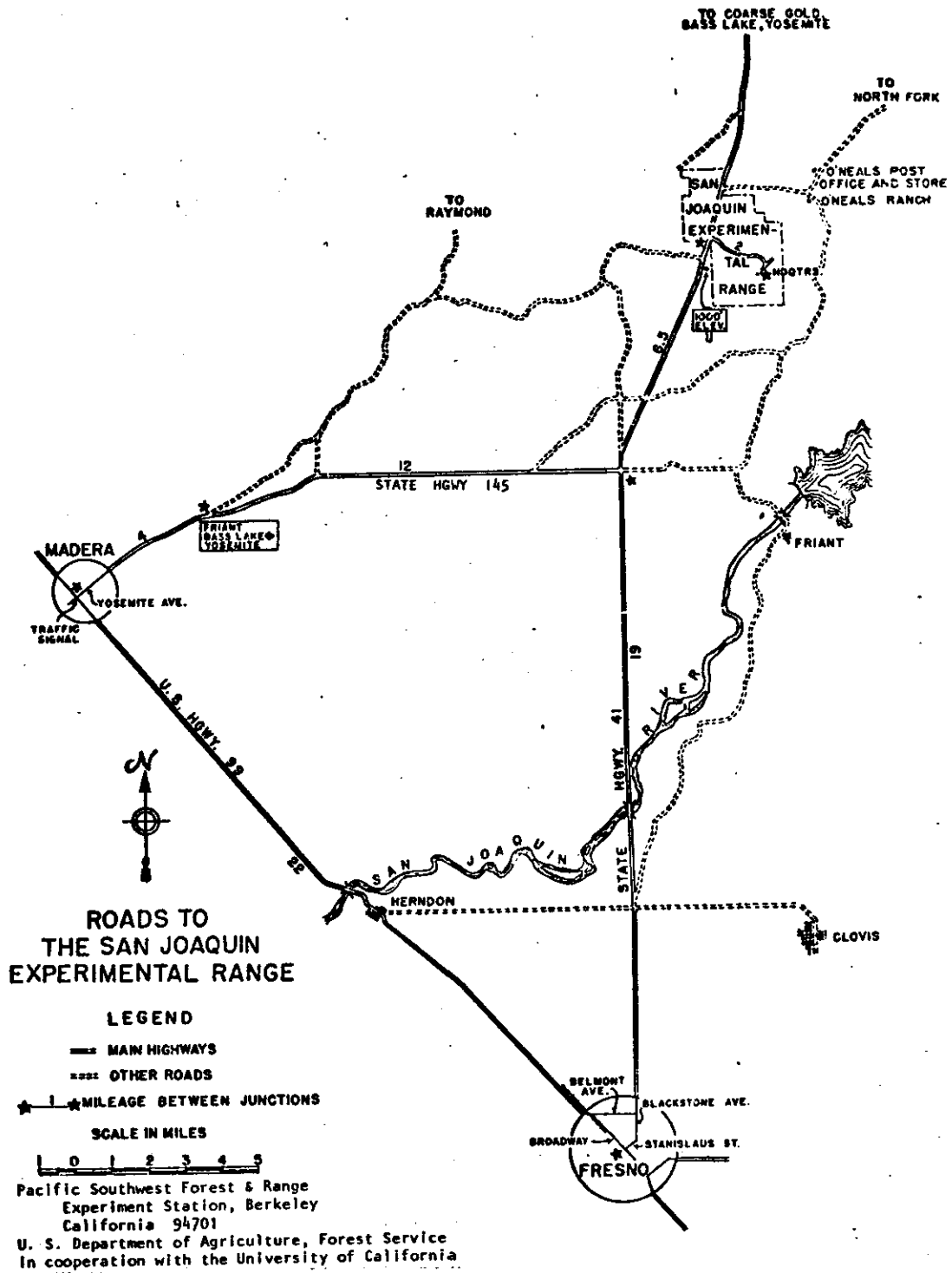


Fig. 2. Roads to the San Joaquin Experimental Range.

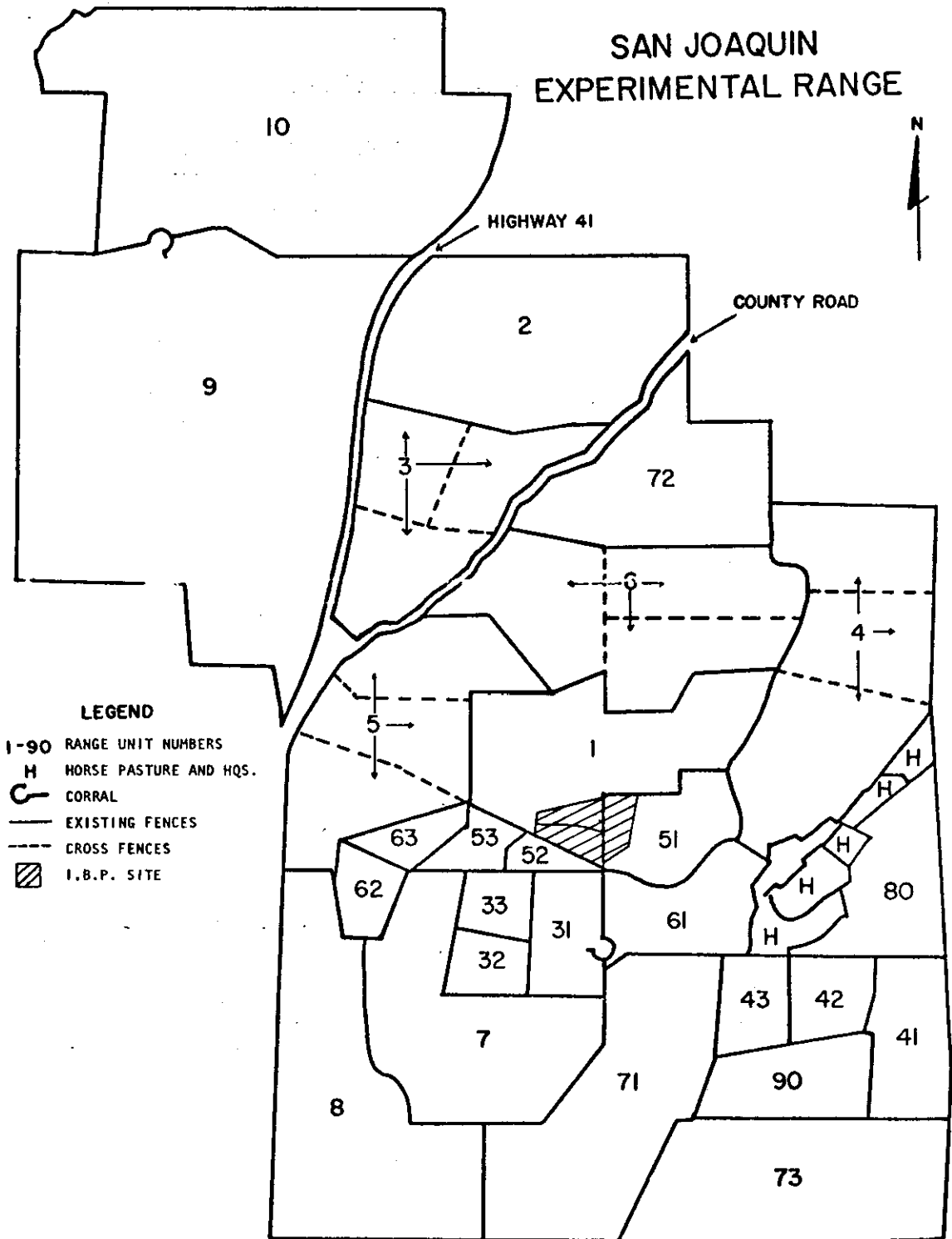


Fig. 3. Location of I.B.P. site.

constituting the major vegetative cover in most areas (Biswell 1956). There is considerable speculation about which alien species replaced which native species, and since no early records have been found, the question may never be fully answered. Many of the alien plants are aggressive and adaptable, accounting for 90% or more of the plant cover of many areas. However, Beetle (1947) stated there was no evidence that any grass ever recorded for California had become extinct.

Usually the annual grasslands are associated with the Central Valley and adjacent foothills and the Pacific Coast Range. Biswell (1956) estimated there were 17.5 million acres which provided 80% of the forage for domestic stock grazing on California wildlands. He divided the "grassland" into two major vegetational types: the grass of 10 million acres and the woodland-grass of 7.5 million acres. Inclusion of the foothills, where the herbaceous vegetation is certainly of the annual type in most areas, means the annual grasslands are made up of two of the phytocoenoses of Küchler (1964, 1970), the California steppe and the lower elevation of the California oakwoods.

The ecology of the annual plant type was described by Bentley and Talbot (1948), who reviewed the characteristics of the annual plant range and emphasized the importance of basing range management upon the annual vegetation, by Talbot, Biswell, and Hormay (1939), Biswell (1956), Heady (1956, 1958), Burcham (1957), McNaughton (1968), and others. Since the herbaceous vegetation is reconstructed each growing season, with the annual vegetation capable of rapid response to habitat changes, yearly changes in both amounts and composition have long been recognized. The adaptability and rapid response of the annual vegetation to changing conditions and cultural practices, plus comprehensive

computer analyses of data in many reports on herbage production, cattle production, fertilization, costs and returns, etc., resulted in the following statement by the Forest-Range Task Force (1972): "The annual plant type, as might be expected, has shown the most consistent and profitable response to range fertilization practices of any range type."

The California foothills make up the most important range area in the state. The statement by Bentley and Talbot (1951) that the primary use of foothill rangelands was production of livestock is still valid. The San Joaquin Experimental Range was established by the U.S. Forest Service in 1935 and in the words of Hutchison and Kotok (1942), the Experimental Range, "located in the granitic area near the center of the state, exemplifies range lands of rather medium value and reflects many of the unsolved problems dealing with season variabilities and nutritive deficiencies."

Actual fluctuation in herbage yield and composition caused by each year's combination of precipitation and temperature are great and are well documented, particularly by Bentley and Talbot (1951) and Wagnon, Guilbert, and Hart (1959). Burcham (1975) states,

"Throughout the grassland ecosystem, annual plants are the dominant life form even where aspect dominance is maintained by open woodlands. The original perennial bunchgrass dominants have been superseded by annual bromegrasses, fescues, wild oats, and wild barleys. Associated with the grasses are a host of forbs, both native and introduced, the most constant and most abundant being filarees, legumes (bur clover, lupines, and trefoils), and tarweeds. The abundance and variety of forbs create marked seasonal differences in appearance of these grasslands, probably without parallel in any other plant community. At certain seasons, the forbs may be so conspicuous as to obscure the grasses, creating the illusion of being the dominant vegetation."

Bentley and Buttery (1957) reviewed past precipitation records and herbage production data on the San Joaquin Experimental Range and found

that timely rainfall distribution was the key to abundant herbage production. Murphy (1970) was able to show a fairly good correlation between November rainfall and subsequent herbage production at the Hopland Field Station in northern California. However, Duncan and Woodmansee (1975) found at the San Joaquin Experimental Range (half as much rainfall and shallower soil than at Hopland) there was poor correlation between fall rains or even total annual rainfall and subsequent herbage production over a period of more than 30 years. Duncan and Reppert (1960) documented the lowest rainfall on record at the Experimental Range (the 1958-1959 season) which resulted in the lowest herbage yields (less than half the long-time average) and the shortest green season (11 weeks) on record.

On the San Joaquin Experimental Range as a whole, scattered trees and occasional dense patches of brush occur. The most numerous trees are blue oak (*Quercus douglasii* Hook. & Arn.), interior live oak (*Quercus wislizenii* DC.) and California buckeye (*Aesculus californica* Nutt.). Wedgeleaf canothus (*Ceanothus cuneatus* (Hook.) Nutt.) is by far the most common shrub; a few plants of poison oak (*Rhus diversiloba* T. & G.) and manzanita (*Arctostaphylos mariposa* Dudl., in Eastw.) are also present.

However, the Grassland Biome site is located in an open grassland area. The herbaceous vegetation on the study area may include more than 300 species, listed by Buttery and Green (1958) in Appendix I and well described and illustrated by Hutchison and Kotok (1942). The species that make up the great majority of the herbage are in Table 1.

V. Fauna

The vertebrate fauna of the Experimental Range is characteristic of the Upper Sonoran life zone. The most abundant reptiles are the

Table 1. Botanical and common names of the most important herbage species/group.

Herbage Species/ Group	Botanical Names	Common Names
Abundant grasses	<i>Bromus mollis</i> L. <i>Bromus diandrus</i> Roth. <i>Festuca megalura</i> Nutt.	Soft chess Ripgut brome Foxtail fescue
Other grasses and grasslikes	<i>Bromus arenarius</i> Labill. <i>Bromus rubens</i> L. <i>Avena barbata</i> Brot. <i>Juncus bufolis</i> L.	Australian chess Red brome Slender oat Toad rush
Clovers	<i>Trifolium microcephalum</i> Pursh. <i>Trifolium variegatum</i> Nutt.	Maiden clover White-tip clover
Other legumes	<i>Lotus purchianus</i> (Benth.) Clem. & Clem. <i>Lotus strigosus</i> (Nutt. in T. & G.) Greene <i>Lupinus bicolor</i> Lindl.	Spanish clover Fine-leaved deervetch Ground lupine
Filaree	<i>Erodium botrys</i> Bertol. <i>Erodium obtusiplicatum</i> (Maire, Weiller, and Wilczek) J. T. Howell	Broadleaf filaree Broadleaf filaree
Other broad-leaved herbs	<i>Plagiobothrys nothofulvus</i> A. Gray <i>Amsinckia douglasiana</i> DC. <i>Hypochoeris glabra</i> L. <i>Silene gallica</i> L.	Popcorn flower Fiddleneck Smooth cats-ear Windmill pink

western fence lizard, Gilbert skink, Pacific gopher snake, and Pacific rattlesnake. Common mammals include several species of mice, Beechy ground squirrel, Audobon cottontail, coyote, bobcat, and mule deer. Among the more abundant birds are the Acorn Woodpecker, Scrub Jay, California Quail, and Red-tailed Hawk. The recorded fauna on the Experimental Range is made up of 7 fish, 8 amphibians, 19 reptiles, 38 mammals, and 149 birds as listed by Newman and Duncan (1973) (see Appendix II).

VI. *Soils*

The soils are of granitic origin and most are less than 2.5 feet (76.2 cm) in depth. About 90% of the area is residual and was reclassified in a detailed soil survey by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in 1965 as the Ahwahnee series. The alluvial or swale area (Visalia series) soils are in general darker, deeper, and more productive, resulting in a larger period of green, nutritious forage than on the upland sites.

A detailed description of each series is found in the report of the detailed 1965 soil survey (Appendix III). The aerial photographs used and the maps prepared from the survey are available for use but not for general distribution.

VII. *Climate*

The climate of the area is of the Mediterranean type, usually moist, mild winters and long, hot, dry summers. Long-term weather records reveal an annual average precipitation (39 years) of 19.04 inches with a low of 10.12 and a high of 32.44 (Table 2). Monthly mean air temperatures (39-year average) range from about 42°F (5.6°C) in January to over 80°F (26.7°C) in July. Monthly minimum temperatures vary from a low of

Table 2. Precipitation in inches, San Joaquin Experimental Range, 1934-1973.

Year	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Total
1934-35	0.00	2.22	3.79	3.64	5.76	3.21	4.85	6.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.80
1935-36	0.00	1.63	0.52	1.56	3.67	11.20	2.47	1.35	0.15	0.04	0.06	0.00	22.65
1936-37	0.00	2.17	0.10	5.16	3.22	7.08	4.58	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.96
1937-38	0.00	0.03	0.50	6.23	5.99	7.75	5.69	2.69	0.02	0.00	0.19	0.00	29.09
1938-39	0.14	1.37	0.75	1.28	2.87	2.50	2.89	0.26	0.03	0.14	0.00	0.02	12.25
1939-40	1.29	0.86	0.03	0.64	9.94	5.87	2.15	0.43	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	21.23
1940-41	0.00	1.56	0.10	8.26	3.68	7.50	2.76	4.44	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	28.33
1941-42	0.00	1.13	1.21	8.11	2.93	2.06	1.98	2.81	1.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.54
1942-43	0.00	0.00	1.98	2.14	4.63	2.23	5.09	1.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.24
1943-44	0.00	0.23	0.56	2.37	2.45	4.73	1.05	1.78	0.58	0.04	0.00	0.00	13.79
1944-45	0.05	1.05	4.98	2.83	0.31	4.48	4.56	0.32	0.35	0.05	0.00	0.01	18.99
1945-46	0.07	1.69	1.46	3.83	0.91	2.02	3.26	0.06	0.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.86
1946-47	0.00	1.58	4.26	3.68	0.51	1.51	0.94	0.44	0.57	0.03	0.00	0.00	13.52
1947-48	0.28	1.64	0.68	0.64	0.06	1.34	4.27	4.13	1.26	0.01	0.00	0.00	14.31
1948-49	0.00	0.26	0.21	2.28	2.06	1.95	4.10	0.02	1.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.39
1949-50	0.00	0.00	1.45	2.00	5.29	2.64	2.50	2.01	0.09	0.00	0.02	0.00	16.00
1950-51	0.19	2.17	7.10	4.03	3.04	2.55	0.82	1.42	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	21.38
1951-52	0.00	0.75	2.46	5.68	6.01	1.60	5.83	2.30	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	24.69
1952-53	0.24	0.10	2.38	6.49	2.22	0.18	1.32	1.72	0.62	0.44	0.00	0.00	15.71
1953-54	0.00	0.44	2.49	1.36	2.69	2.50	4.15	1.24	0.07	0.64	0.00	0.00	15.58
1954-55	0.00	0.00	2.52	2.58	5.78	1.92	0.40	2.08	1.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.74
1955-56	0.08	0.02	2.54	13.45	4.57	1.00	0.03	2.41	2.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.45
1956-57	0.00	1.78	0.00	0.93	2.52	2.26	2.52	1.56	2.78	0.17	0.00	0.00	14.52
1957-58	0.39	1.25	1.41	3.03	4.56	6.70	10.46	3.70	0.43	0.03	0.09	0.00	32.05
1958-59	0.33	0.00	0.25	0.54	3.26	4.58	0.04	1.02	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.12
1959-60	3.70	0.00	0.00	0.36	2.35	4.63	1.98	2.33	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.43
1960-61	0.08	0.88	4.08	0.88	2.16	0.54	1.80	0.67	0.76	0.10	0.06	0.08	12.00
1961-62	0.02	0.10	3.31	1.90	2.61	10.04	2.37	0.21	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.00	20.68
1962-63	0.14	1.47	0.12	1.26	3.49	4.05	4.14	4.75	0.52	0.10	0.00	0.00	20.04
1963-64	0.29	1.58	4.72	0.44	1.28	0.00	2.10	1.46	0.84	0.04	0.00	0.00	12.75
1964-65	0.25	1.80	3.22	5.23	2.97	0.54	1.44	4.12	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	19.60
1965-66	0.00	0.40	5.55	3.06	1.08	1.41	0.15	0.76	0.30	0.07	0.01	0.00	12.79
1966-67	0.08	0.00	3.02	5.83	4.12	0.89	4.04	8.76	0.70	0.53	0.00	0.00	27.97
1967-68	0.33	0.18	1.87	2.18	1.57	1.70	2.67	0.46	0.78	0.00	0.05	0.04	11.83
1968-69	0.00	1.58	2.68	4.05	9.80	8.11	2.52	2.86	0.00	0.44	0.30	0.10	32.44
1969-70	0.03	0.75	1.24	2.91	6.29	1.55	3.40	0.19	0.00	1.02	0.00	0.00	17.38
1970-71	0.00	0.08	4.00	4.89	1.25	0.44	1.43	0.91	2.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.30
1971-72	0.15	0.03	1.88	4.82	0.40	1.49	0.00	0.74	0.26	0.95	0.01	0.00	10.73
1972-73	0.34	0.26	5.13	2.47	3.74	7.19	4.24	0.55	0.02	0.07	0.00	0.00	24.01
Means for 39 years	0.22	0.85	2.16	3.42	3.38	3.45	2.92	1.93	0.55	0.13	0.02	0.01	19.04

slightly above freezing in January to over 60° in July and monthly maximums range from about 50° in January to almost 100° in July (Table 3).

VIII. *Physical facilities*

One resident scientist and several technicians are permanently located at the Experimental Range. Shop and limited laboratory (equipped to handle routine drying, sorting, freezing, washing, and ashing of above- and belowground biomass samples plus a simple soils laboratory) facilities are available. There are limited dormitory facilities; most visitors prefer, especially in the summer, to obtain food and air-conditioned lodgings at Fresno or Madera (25 miles or 40 km). Restrictions on the use of laboratory or other facilities are those imposed by prior scheduled use. Inquiries should be addressed to Don A. Duncan, Resident Scientist, San Joaquin Experimental Range, Coarsegold, California 93614 or phone 209-868-3349 (O'Neals).

IX. *Previous Studies on the Area*

In 1934, the U.S. Forest Service established the San Joaquin Experimental Range, with the University of California cooperating on several projects. The foremost of these projects was the experimental cattle herd of the University Agricultural Experimental Station, placed on the Experimental Range to study the best way of maintaining commercial cattle on a year-round basis on the foothill rangelands. As scientists from the University of California's Division of Animal Husbandry studied the grazing management and animal husbandry aspects of how best to utilize the forage on the ground by adding supplements to meet seasonal nutritional deficiencies, Forest Service scientists studied the effect of grazing on the plants, the botany of the area, and the possibility of

Table 3. Average monthly air temperatures, San Joaquin Experimental Range, 1934-1973.

39-Year Average Temperature (°F)												
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Max.	53.3	57.9	62.3	70.0	80.2	89.7	98.3	96.7	90.2	78.2	64.5	54.6
Min.	33.0	36.3	38.5	42.7	48.0	54.3	61.2	59.8	55.2	47.0	38.4	34.1
Mean	41.9	46.2	49.3	56.0	64.3	73.0	80.4	78.3	72.1	61.2	49.8	42.9

introducing new species. The land was purchased by the Forest Service, and coordination of all studies and administration of the area have been the responsibility of the Forest Service. From the outset, the importance of the wildlife species on the area has been recognized and cooperative wildlife studies with numerous agencies and institutions have been conducted. Newman and Duncan (1973) cited references to major wildlife on zoological studies on the ground squirrel, pocket gopher, cottontail, rattlesnake, and California Quail. A detailed description of the area and an account of early investigations were reported by Hutchison and Kotok (1942). As listed by Duncan and Westfall (Appendix IV) more than 250 publications have now resulted from work by the staff and cooperators at the Experimental Range.

The objectives of the early animal husbandry research on the San Joaquin Experimental Range are summarized (Hutchison and Kotok 1942) as "the objectives in the experimental work reported here placed major emphasis upon long-time investigations bearing on the general problems of yearlong utilization. It was desired to ascertain the kinds and amounts of supplements necessary to correct nutritional deficiencies of the range, and thereby increase efficiency of utilization and promote productive efficiency of the breeding herd and normal economical development of the young animals. One major objective was to ascertain what degree of forage utilization is consistent with the animals' welfare and with maintenance or improvement of the range."

Duncan and Westfall (Appendix IV) list about 100 publications on animal science-oriented or closely related work from the San Joaquin Experimental Range. Several of the more comprehensive reports include the summary of beef cattle investigations from 1935 to 1948 (Wagnon et

al. 1959), a report on the behavior of beef cows (Wagnon 1963), Wagnon's (1965) treatment on social dominance in range cows and its effects on supplemental feeding, and the results of a study on the utilization by cattle of 10 different classes of rangeland (Wagnon 1968). Duncan and Reed (1973) reported on the cattle results of a more recent grazing management study.

The possibility of increasing production by fertilization on foothill rangelands has been closely studied. Bentley (1946) noted that fertilization of annual type ranges, particularly with gypsum, showed more promise of positive results than any other cultural practice. Conrad (1950) and Martin (1958) reported that sulfur deficiency was common over a wide area of California. Bentley and Green (1954) showed increased production of both clovers and grasses at relatively small expense through sulfur fertilization. The importance of annual legumes at the San Joaquin Experimental Range was described by Green and Graham (1958) and Green (1959).

In 1958, three articles were published on a long-term study of grazing management of sulfur fertilized ranges. Bentley, Green, and Wagnon (1958) reported that sulfur fertilization (60 lb S/acre) on two pastures increased herbage production by almost 60% over two unfertilized pastures; actual carrying capacity was increased by about 50%. Reporting on the same study, Green, Wagnon, and Bentley (1958) described how fertilization produced desirable changes in plant species which in turn influenced the diet and grazing habits of steers. Wagnon, Bentley, and Green (1958) noted that sulfur fertilization increased both the carrying capacity and steer gains during both green and dry seasons.

In a lysimeter study of sulfur fertilization on an annual range soil (conducted at the San Joaquin Experimental Range), McKell and Williams (1960, 1961) and Williams, McKell, and Reppert (1964) described how the lysimeter tests proved gypsum (calcium sulfate) was a readily available source of sulfur for plants, but that it was highly susceptible to leaching. Elemental sulfur, more slowly available, was less susceptible to leaching. Interestingly, sulfur contributed by rainfall amounted to 21.4 lb/acre in 1958. Since the amount of sulfur absorbed from the atmosphere by the soil surface was almost negligible (0.1 lb/acre), the sulfur brought down in the rain was apparently picked up in air masses some distance from the site.

Sulfur fertilization was used in another study on the San Joaquin Experimental Range that compared several systems of grazing, using cows and calves. One of the treatments was yearlong grazing of sulfur fertilized range. The study area was too large and too steep for application with ground equipment, so helicopter application was used. Reppert and Duncan (1963) and Duncan and Reppert (1966) noted that helicopter applications of sulfur were fast and practical. In reporting the cattle response results of this long-term study, Duncan and Reed (1973) concluded that yearlong grazing of sulfur fertilized ranges was the most productive of the four systems of grazing in the study.

In a rancher test of sulfur fertilization, Westfall (1966) cited even greater increases from addition of sulfur to plots on his ranch than those reported from the nearby San Joaquin Experimental Range.

Until recently most of the research on fertilization at the San Joaquin Experimental Range was on sulfur fertilization. Unpublished small plot trials showed nitrogen to be deficient. McKell, Graham, and

Wilson (1960), reporting on a study involving different rates of nitrogen, sulfur, and phosphorus in a dry year, concluded that addition of nitrogen improved range readiness and increased production and protein content of herbage. Sulfur and phosphorus further increased protein content when nitrogen was not a limiting factor.

From the results of a long-term study, Duncan (1974) noted that although the greatest increases in total herbage production and steer gains were on nitrogen-fertilized areas, the intermediate increases obtained on sulfur-fertilized areas (sulfur cost about one-third as much as nitrogen during the 9-year study period) indicate that sulfur fertilization may provide the most return per dollar invested in fertilizing central California foothill ranges.

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APPENDIX I

A CHECK LIST OF PLANTS OF THE
SAN JOAQUIN EXPERIMENTAL RANGE

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PREFACE

The San Joaquin Experimental Range is located near the center of the State in the granite-soil section of the Sierra Nevada foothills. It is in Madera County, 28 miles north of Fresno, California. This 4600-acre experimental area was established in 1934 as a branch station of the California Forest and Range Experiment Station, U. S. Forest Service. Research aimed at increased production from California foothill range through improved management, fertilization, brush control, and livestock management has been carried out since establishment.

The area lies in the "annual grass type" and is characterized by grassy rolling hills with a sparse covering of trees and occasional dense stands of brush. It is in the lower part of the woodland zone between the treeless valley floor and the higher brush and timber belts.

The herbaceous ground cover consists mostly of annual grasses and forbs. In contrast, perennials dominate most western range areas. Ecologically speaking, the area is near the lower limits of the Upper Sonoran Zone. The elevation varies from 700 to 1700 feet, with most of the area lying between 1000 and 1500 feet. Exposures are generally southwesterly.

The drainage basin empties into a small tributary of the San Joaquin River. No permanent streams flow through the area, but springs are numerous and the small drainages carry surface flows during the winter months.

The slope soils are shallow, residual, of granitic origin, and are classed in the Vista series. The swale soils are deeper, alluvial, and are classed in the Visalia series. Both have a low water-holding capacity.

The climate is characterized by mild, rainy winters and hot, dry summers. Snow is rare. Seasonal precipitation usually begins in September and has averaged 19.4 inches, with extremes of 12.3 and 32.1 inches, during the past 23 years. On the average, over 70 percent of the precipitation falls during 4 months, December through March. From mid-May to mid-September there is practically no rain at all.

Seeds of most herbaceous plant species germinate with the first 1/2 to 1 inch of fall rain and grow slowly during the winter. The plants grow rapidly when warm temperatures return in March, reach maturity in April, and are mostly dry by mid-May.

Plant species listed in the text have been collected at the Range during the past 23 years. Standards of abundance for herbaceous vegetation are as follows:

- Abundant -- species appears on at least 75 percent of sample quadrats. ¹ Only 3 species fall in this category.
- Very common -- species appears on at least 15 percent of sample quadrats. There are 18 species in this category.
- Common -- species appears on at least 1 sample quadrat.
- Uncommon -- species appears each year on the Range and in most pastures, but infrequently in pasture samples.
- Rare -- species appears in 1 or 2 locations on the Range, or in especially favorable years, but seldom if ever in herbage samples.

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Locally well established common names are also listed for some plants.

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GRASSES AND GRASS-LIKE PLANTS

Potanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>TYPHACEAE</u> Cattail family		
<u>Typha latifolia</u> L. Common cattail Broad-leaved cattail	Rare	Wet swale
<u>GRAMINEAE</u> Grass family		
<u>Aira caryophyllea</u> L. (<u>Aspris caryophyllea</u> Nash) Silver hairgrass	Common	Slope, on shallow soil
<u>Avena barbata</u> Brot. Slender wild oat	Very common	Slope, especially south
<u>Avena fatua</u> L. Wild oat	Rare	Slope
<u>Briza minor</u> L. Little quakinggrass	Common	Swale
<u>Bromus arenarius</u> Labill. Australian brome	Common	Slope, especially south
<u>Bromus mollis</u> L. (<u>Bromus hordeaceus</u> L.) Soft brome or chess	Abundant	Slope and dry swale
<u>Bromus rigidus</u> Roth. Ripgut brome	Very common	Slope, especially shaded, and dry swale
<u>Bromus rubens</u> L. Foxtail brome Red brome	Very common	Slope, all exposures
<u>Cynodon dactylon</u> (L.) Pers. Bermuda grass	Uncommon	Wet swale
<u>Deschampsia danthonioides</u> (Trin.) Munro ex Benth. Annual hairgrass	Uncommon	Lower slope and swale
<u>Paspalum sanguinalis</u> (L.) Scop. (<u>Syntherisma sanguinalis</u> Dulac, Fl. Haut.) Hairy crabgrass	Uncommon	Gardens

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Distichlis stricta</u> (Torr.) Rydb. Inland saltgrass	Rare	Creek bank
<u>Elymus triticoides</u> Buckl. Creeping wildrye Beardless wildrye	Rare	Dry swale
<u>Eragrostis cilianensis</u> (All.) lutata Stinkgrass	Rare	Barnyard and garden
<u>Eragrostis diffusa</u> Buckl. Spreading lovegrass	Rare	Barnyard
<u>Festuca confusa</u> Piper Klickitat fescue Hairy-leaved fescue	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Festuca grayi</u> (Abrams) Piper Gray's fescue	Common	Slope, especially south
<u>Festuca megalura</u> Nutt. Foxtail fescue	Abundant	Slope, all exposures and dry swale
<u>Festuca pacifica</u> Piper Pacific fescue	Uncommon	Slope, especially north
<u>Festuca reflexa</u> Buckl. Twoflower fescue	Uncommon	Slope, especially south
<u>Gastridium ventricosum</u> (Gouan) Schinz and Thell Nitgrass	Common	Slope, on shallow soil
<u>Hordeum brachyantherum</u> Nevski (<u>Hordeum nodosum</u> L.) Meadow barley	Uncommon	Dry swale
<u>Hordeum hystrix</u> Roth. (<u>Hordeum sussonianum</u> Parl.) Mediterranean barley	Very common	Wet swale

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Hordeum leporinum</u> Link (<u>Hordeum murinum</u> L.) Mouse barley Common foxtail	Common	Disturbed soil or lower slope
<u>Koeleria phleoides</u> (Vill.) Pers. Annual koeleria	Rare	Swale
<u>Lolium multiflorum</u> Lam. Italian ryegrass Annual ryegrass	Seeded	Swale and lower slope
<u>Melica californica</u> Scribn. California melicgrass	Uncommon	Rock outcrop
<u>Melica imperfecta</u> Trin. Coastrange melicgrass Small-flowered melicgrass	Uncommon	Rock outcrop
<u>Oryzopsis miliacea</u> (L.) Benth. Smilo	Seeded	Lower slope
<u>Panicum capillare occidentale</u> Rydb. Common witchgrass	Uncommon	Swale
<u>Phalaris californica</u> Hook. and Arn. California canarygrass	Rare	
<u>Phalaris caroliniana</u> Walt. Carolina canarygrass	Uncommon	Wet swale
<u>Phalaris coerulescens</u> Sunol grass	Seeded	Lower slope and swale
<u>Phalaris tuberosa stenoptera</u> (Hack.) Hitchc. Hardinggrass	Seeded	Swale
<u>Poa annua</u> L. Annual bluegrass	Common	Swale

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Poa scabrella</u> (Thurb.) Benth. ex Vassey Pine bluegrass	Common	Slope, especially north
<u>Polygomon monspeliensis</u> (L.) Desf. Rabbitfoot polygomon Beardgrass	Common	Creekbed
<u>Scribneria bolanderi</u> (Thurb.) Hack. Scribneria	Rare	Slope
<u>Setaria viridis</u> (L.) Beauv. Green bristlegrass	Uncommon	Gardens
<u>Sorghum halepense</u> (L.) Pers. Johnsongrass	Rare	Swale
<u>Stipa cernua</u> Stebbins and Love. Nodding stipa	Seeded	Slope
<u>Stipa pulchra</u> Hitchc. California needlegrass Purple stipa	Seeded	Slope
<u>CYPERACEAE</u> Sedge family		
<u>Cyperus inflexus</u> Muhl. Flatsedge Awned cyperus	Uncommon	Creekbed
<u>Cyperus vegetus</u> Willd. (<u>Cyperus virens</u>) Green flatsedge Tall cyperus	Uncommon	Creekbed
<u>Eleocharis macrostachya</u> Britton (<u>Eleocharis palustris</u> R. and S.) Spikesedge Common spikerush	Common	Wet swale

GRASSES AND GRASS-LIKE PLANTS

Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>LEMNACEAE</u> Duckweed family		
<u>Lemna</u> sp. Duckweed	Uncommon	Seep
<u>JUNCACEAE</u> Rush family		
<u>Juncus bufonius</u> L. Toad rush	Common	Dry swale
<u>Juncus oxymetris</u> Engelm. Slenderleaf rush Pointed rush	Common	Wet swale
<u>Juncus macrophyllus</u> Coville Long-leaved rush	Common	Wet swale

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Botanical and common name	:	Occurrence	:	Habitat
<u>POLYPODIACEAE</u> Fern family				
<u>Pityrogramma triangularis</u> (Kaulf.) Maxon (<u>Gymnogramme triangularis</u> Kaulf.) Goldfern	:	Common	:	Shaded rock outcrop
<u>Pellaea mucronata</u> (D.C. Eaton) D.C. Eaton Birdsfoot cliffbrake	:	Common	:	Shaded rock outcrop
<u>LILIACEAE</u> Lily family				
<u>Allium hyalinum</u> Curran Eldorado onion Paper-flowered onion	:	Uncommon	:	Slope
<u>Brodiaea capitata</u> Benth. (<u>Dichelostemma capitatum</u> [Benth.] Wood) Bluedicks brodiaea Common brodiaea	:	Very common	:	Slope
<u>Brodiaea coronaria</u> (Salisb.) Engler Harvest brodiaea	:	Common	:	Swale and lower slope
<u>Brodiaea laxa</u> (Benth.) Wats. (<u>Triteleia laxa</u> Benth.) Grassnut brodiaea	:	Uncommon	:	Slope
<u>Brodiaea volubilis</u> (Kell.) Baker (<u>Dichelostemma californicum</u> [Torr.] Wood) Vine brodiaea Twining brodiaea Snake lily	:	Uncommon	:	Steep rocky slope
<u>Calochortus luteus</u> Dougl. Yellow mariposa	:	Uncommon	:	Slope

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Calochortus luteus oculatus</u> Wats. Mariposa	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Chlorogalum pomeridianum</u> (DC.) Kunth. Common soapplant Amole soapplant	Common	Rock outcrop
<u>Muilla tenuis</u> Congdon (<u>Muilla maritima</u> [Torr.] Wats.) Muilla Common muilla	Common	Slope
<u>POLYGONACEAE</u> Buckwheat family		
<u>Chorizanthe membranacea</u> Benth. Pink chorizante Spineflower	Common	Slope, on shallow soil
<u>Chorizanthe stellulata</u> Benth. Starlet chorizante Spineflower	Common	Slope, on shallow soil
<u>Eriogonum gracillimum</u> Wats. Slender eriogonum	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Eriogonum nudum</u> Benth. Barestem eriogonum	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Eriogonum virgatum</u> Benth. Virgate eriogonum	Common	Slope
<u>Polygonum aviculare</u> L. Prostrate knotweed Knotweed Knotgrass	Uncommon	Barnyard and gardens
<u>Polygonum punctatum</u> Elliot (<u>Polygonum acore</u> H.B.K.) Dotted smartweed Water smartweed	Uncommon	Creekbed

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Pterostegia drymarioides</u> Fisch. and Mey. Pterostegia	Common	Shaded slope
<u>Rumex crispus</u> L. Curly dock	Common	Creekbed
<u>CHENOPODEACEAE</u> Goosefoot family		
<u>Chenopodium album</u> L. Lambsquarters goosefoot	Uncommon	Disturbed soil
<u>Chenopodium ambrosioides</u> <u>chilense</u> (Schrad.) Spegaz. Wormseed goosefoot, Pigweed	Uncommon	Disturbed soil
<u>Chenopodium leptophyllum</u> Nutt. Slimleaf goosefoot	Common	Disturbed soil
<u>Chenopodium pumilio</u> R. Br. Goosefoot	Uncommon	Disturbed soil
<u>AMARANTHACEAE</u> Amaranth family		
<u>Amaranthus praecox</u> L. Tumbleweed amaranthus Tumbling pigweed	Uncommon	Disturbed soil
<u>Amaranthus retroflexus</u> L. Redroot amaranthus Rough pigweed	Uncommon	Disturbed soil
<u>AIZOACEAE</u> Carpetweed family		
<u>Mollugo verticillata</u> L. Carpetweed Indian chickweed	Uncommon	Seep

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>PORTULACACEAE</u> Purslane family		
<u>Calindrina caulescens</u> <u>menziesii</u> Gray (<u>C. ciliata</u> var. <u>menziesii</u> [Hook.] J.F.Macbride) Redmaids	Very common	Slope
<u>Montia fontana</u> L. Indian lettuce Water chickweed	Common	Wet swale
<u>Montia perfoliata</u> (Donn.) Howell Indian lettuce Miners' lettuce	Common	Shaded slope
<u>Portulaca oleracea</u> L. Common purslane	Uncommon	Gardens
<u>CARYOPHYLLACEAE</u> Chickweed family		
<u>Arenaria douglasii</u> Fenzl. Douglas sandwort	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Cerastium viscosum</u> L. Sticky cerastium Mouse-ear chickweed	Common	Lower slope
<u>Herniaria cinerea</u> DC. Gray burstwort Gray herniaria	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Sagina apetala barbata</u> Fenzl. Dwarf pearlwort	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Silene gallica</u> L. French silene Common catchfly Windmill pink	Very common	Slope
<u>Spergula arvensis</u> L. Corn spurry	Uncommon	Lower slope and dry swale

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Spergularia marina</u> (L.) Griseb. (<u>S. salina</u> J. and C.) Saltmarsh sand spurry	Uncommon	Lower slope
<u>Stellaria media</u> (L.) Cyrill. Chickweed	Common	Lower slope
<u>RANUNCULACEAE</u> Buttercup family		
<u>Delphinium decorum patens</u> (Benth.) Gray Yellowtinge larkspur Coast larkspur	Uncommon	Slope, especially north
<u>Delphinium hanseni</u> Greene Hansen larkspur	Common	Shaded lower slope
<u>Ranunculus aquatilis</u> L. (<u>R. aquatilis</u> var. <u>capillaceus</u> [Thuill.] DC.) Watercrowfoot buttercup Water buttercup	Common	Creekbed
<u>Ranunculus californicus</u> Benth. California buttercup	Common	Wet swale
<u>Ranunculus hebecarpus</u> Hook. and Arn. Pubescent-fruited buttercup	Uncommon	Shady slope
<u>PAPAVERACEAE</u> Poppy family		
<u>Eschscholtzia caespitosa</u> Benth. Gold poppy	Uncommon	Slope, especially south
<u>Eschscholtzia californica</u> Cham. California poppy	Common	Slope, especially south
<u>Eschscholtzia lobbia</u> Greene Fryans poppy	Common	Slope

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Papaver heterophyllum</u> (Benth.) Greene Wind poppy	Uncommon	Shady north slope
<u>Platystemon californicus</u> Benth. Creamcups platystemon	Common	Creekbank
<u>CRUCIFERAE</u> Mustard family		
<u>Arabis maxima</u> Greene (<u>Arabis arcuata</u> Gray (<u>Arabis holboellii</u> var. <u>arcuata</u> Jepson) Rockcress	Uncommon	Rocky slope
<u>Athysanus pusillus</u> (Hook.) Greene Dwarf athysanus	Common	Slope
<u>Capsella bursa-pastoris</u> (L.) Medic. Shepherdspurse	Common	Slope
<u>Lepidium nitidum</u> Nutt. Tongue pepperweed Shining peppergrass	Common	Swale
<u>Radicula nasturtium-</u> <u>aquaticum</u> (L.) Britt. and Rendle Watercress	Uncommon	Seep
<u>Sinapsis arvensis</u> L. (<u>Brassica arvensis</u> [L.] B.S.P.) Field charlock	Uncommon	Creekbank
<u>Streptanthus coulteri</u> (Wats.) Greene Twistflower	Common	Slope
<u>Streptanthus diversifolius</u> Wats. Varied-leaved streptanthus	Uncommon	Slope

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Streptanthus tortuosus</u> Kell. Mountain streptanthus	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Streptanthus heterophyllus</u> Nutt. San Diego streptanthus	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Thysanocarpus curvipes</u> Hook. Hairy fringedpod	Common	Slope
<u>Tropidocarpum gracile</u> Hook. Dobie pod	Common	Slope
<u>CRASSULACEAE</u> Stonecrop family		
<u>Tillaea erecta</u> Hook. and Arn. Sand pygmyweed	Very common	Slope
<u>SAXIFRAGACEAE</u> Saxifrage family		
<u>Lithophragma heterophylla</u> (Hook. and Arn.) Torr. and Gray. Hillstar	Common	Shady north slope
<u>Saxifraga californica</u> Greene California saxifrage	Uncommon	Slope, especially north
<u>Saxifraga integrifolia</u> Hook. Hooker's saxifrage	Uncommon	Slope, especially north
<u>ROSACEAE</u> Rose family		
<u>Alchemilla occidentalis</u> Nutt. (<u>A. arvensis</u> [L.] Scop.) Field ladysmantle Western ladysmantle	Common	Slope

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>LEGUMINOSAE</u> pea family		
<u>Astragalus asymmetricus</u> Sheldon (<u>A. leucophyllus</u> Torr. and Gray) Woolyleaf loco San Joaquin locoweed	Rare	Slope
<u>Astragalus gambellianus</u> Sheldon (<u>A. nigrescens</u> Nutt.) Gambell's dwarf locoweed	Common	Slope, especially south
<u>Lotus americanus</u> (Nutt.) Bisch. (<u>Hosackia americana</u> [Nutt.] Piper) Spanish clover Deervetch	Very common	Lower slope
<u>Lotus argophyllus decorus</u> (Jtn.) Ottley (<u>Hosackia argophylla</u> Gray) Silver deervetch	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Lotus micranthus</u> Benth. (<u>Hosackia parviflora</u> Benth.) Littleflower deervetch	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Lotus scoparius</u> (Nutt.) Ottley (<u>Hosackia glabra</u> [Vogel] Torr.) Broom deervetch Deerweed	Uncommon	Slope, especially north
<u>Lotus strigosus</u> (Nutt.) Greene (<u>Hosackia strigosa</u> Nutt.) Fine-leaved deervetch	Common	Slope, especially south
<u>Lotus subpinnatus</u> Lag. (<u>Hosackia subpinnata</u> [Lag.] Torr. and Gray) Chilean deervetch Hairy lotus	Common	Slope
<u>Lupinus albifrons</u> Benth. Whiterface lupine Bush lupine	Common	Rocky slope

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Lupinus benthami</u> Hel. Spider lupine Bentham's lupine	Common	Slope
<u>Lupinus bicolor</u> Lindl. Bicolor lupine Ground lupine	Very common	Slope
<u>Lupinus densiflorus</u> Benth. Gully lupine Dense-flowered lupine	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Lupinus formosus</u> Greene Lunara lupine Summer lupine	Common	Slope
<u>Lupinus nanus</u> Dougl. Sky lupine	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Medicago apiculata</u> Willd. Smoothbur medic	Uncommon	Lower slope and dry swale
<u>Medicago hispida</u> Gaertn. California burclover	Uncommon, except as seeded	Lower slope and dry swale
<u>Trifolium alboburpureum</u> Torr. and Gray Rancheria clover Indian clover	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Trifolium amplexens</u> Torr. and Gray Bladder clover Pale sack clover	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Trifolium ciliolatum</u> Benth. (<u>Trifolium ciliatum</u> Nutt.) Foothill clover Tree clover	Common	Lower slope
<u>Trifolium depauperatum</u> Depauperate clover Dwarf sack clover	Uncommon	Slope

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Trifolium dichotomum</u> Hook. and Arn. Branched Indian clover	Uncommon	Slope, especially north
<u>Trifolium hirtum</u> All. Rose clover	Where seeded	Lower slope
<u>Trifolium incarnatum</u> Crimson clover	Where seeded	Dry swale
<u>Trifolium microcephalum</u> Pursh. Littlehead clover	Very common	Slope
<u>Trifolium obtusiflorum</u> Hook. Clammy clover Creek clover	Uncommon	Creekbed
<u>Trifolium subterraneum</u> Subterranean clover	Where seeded	Dry swale
<u>Trifolium tridentatum</u> Lindl. Tomcat clover	Common	Lower slope
<u>Trifolium variegatum</u> Nutt. Whitetip clover	Very common	Wet swale
<u>LINACEAE</u> Flax family		
<u>Linum usitatissimum</u> L. Common flax	Uncommon	Slope
<u>OXALIDACEAE</u> Oxalis family		
<u>Oxalis corniculata</u> L. Creeping oxalis Woodsorrel	Uncommon	Gardens and shaded slope
<u>GERANIACEAE</u> Geranium family		
<u>Erodium botrys</u> Bertol. Big heronbill Broadleaf filaree	Abundant	Slope and dry swale

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Erodium cicutarium</u> L'Her. Alfileria Redstem filaree	Common	Lower slope
<u>Erodium obtusifoliatum</u> (Maire, Weiller and Wilczek) J.T. Howell (<u>E. botrys</u> f. <u>montanum</u> Brumhard) Big heronbill Broadleaf filaree	Very common	Slope
<u>Erodium moschatum</u> L'Her. Musk heronbill Whitestem filaree	Uncommon	Lower slope
<u>Geranium carolinianum</u> L. Carolina geranium	Uncommon	Lower slope
<u>Geranium sphaerospermum</u> Fern. Geranium	Uncommon	Lower slope
<u>LIMNANTHACEAE</u> Meadowfoam family		
<u>Limnanthes douglasi</u> R. Br. Douglas meadowfoam	Common	Creekbank
<u>Limnanthes montana</u> Mountain meadowfoam	Uncommon	Creekbank
<u>EUPHORBIACEAE</u> Spurge family		
<u>Euphorbia ocellata</u> D. and H. Euphorbia	Common	Slope
<u>Eremocarpus setigerus</u> Turkey mullein	Common	Lower slope and swale
<u>ZYGOPHYLLACEAE</u> Caltrops family		
<u>Tribulus terrestris</u> L. Puncturevine Goathead	Rare	Disturbed soil

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>MALVACEAE</u> Mallow family		
<u>Malva parviflora</u> L. Little mallow Cheeseweed	Uncommon	Disturbed soil
<u>Sidalcea hartwegii</u> Gray Checkermallow	Common	Lower slope and swale
<u>LOASACEAE</u> Loasa family		
<u>Mentzelia lindleyi</u> T. and G. Lindley mentzelia	Rare	Slope, especially south
<u>DATISCAEAE</u> Datisca family		
<u>Datisca glomerata</u> Brew. and Wats. Durangoroot	Rare	Creekbed
<u>CUCURBITACEAE</u> Gourd family		
<u>Cucurbita foetidissima</u> H.B.K. Calabazilla	Rare	Slope
<u>Echinocystis fabacea</u> Naud. Mockcucumber	Common	Slope, climbing on shrubs
<u>Echinocystis macrocarpa</u> Greene Chilicothe mockcucumber	Common	Slope, climbing on shrubs
<u>LYTHRACEAE</u> Loosestrife family		
<u>Lythrum hyssipifolia</u> L. Hyssop lythrum Loosestrife	Common	Swale, especially on disturbed soil
<u>ONAGRACEAE</u> Evening primrose family		
<u>Boisduvalia densiflora</u> (Lindl.) Wats. Dense spikeprimrose	Uncommon	Swale

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Boisduvalia stricta</u> (Gray) Greene Brook spikeprimrose	Uncommon	Swale
<u>Epilobium paniculatum</u> Nutt. Autumn willowweed	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Clarkia dudleyana</u> Abrams (<u>Godetia dudleyana</u> Abrams) Dudley's godetia	Common	Slope, especially north
<u>Clarkia elegans</u> Dougl. Rose clarkia	Common	Slope, especially north
<u>Clarkia nitens</u> Lewis and Lewis (<u>Godetia nitens</u>) Clarkia	Common	Slope
<u>Clarkia purpurea quadrivulnera</u> (Dougl.) Lewis and Lewis (<u>Godetia quadrivulnera</u> [Dougl.] Spach.) Clarkia	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Clarkia williamsonii</u> (Durand and Hilgard) Lewis and Lewis (<u>Godetia viminea</u> Spach.) Orchid godetia	Common	Slope, especially north
<u>Oenothera dentata</u> Cav. Field primrose	Common	Slope, especially south
<u>Oenothera graciflora</u> Hook. and Arn. Slender primrose	Common	Lower slope

UMBELLIFERAE Parsley family

<u>Daucus pusillus</u> Michx. Southwestern carrot Rattlesnake weed	Common	Slope
<u>Eryngium globosum</u> Jepson Button snakeweed	Common	Swale

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Lomatium utriculatum</u> (Nutt.) Colt and Rose (Cogswellia) Common lomatium	Uncommon	Slope, especially north
<u>Perideridia pringlei</u> (C. and R.) Nels. and Macbr. (<u>Eulophus pringlei</u> C. and R.) Pringle's yampah	Rare	Slope
<u>Sanicula bipinnatifida</u> Dougl. Purple sanicle	Common	Slope
<u>Sanicula tuberosa</u> Torr. Tuber sanicle	Common	Rock outcrop
<u>PRIMULACEAE</u> Primrose family		
<u>Dodecatheon patulum</u> Greene Dwarf shootingstar	Uncommon	Shaded slope
<u>GENTIANACEAE</u> Gentian family		
<u>Centaurium venustum</u> (Gray) Rob. Pink centaurium	Common	Dry swale
<u>ASCLEPIADACEAE</u> Milkweed family		
<u>Asclepias cordifolia</u> (Benth.) Jepson Purple milkweed	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Asclepias mexicana</u> Cav. Mexican milkweed	Uncommon	Dry swale or lower slope
<u>Asclepias vestita</u> Hook. and Arn. Wooly milkweed	Common	Slope

FORBS

Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>POLEMONIACEAE</u> Phlox family		
<u>Eriastrum pluriflorum</u> (Heller) H. L. Mason (<u>Gilia brauntonii</u> Jepson and Mason) Gilia	Uncommon	Slope, on shallow soil
<u>Gilia capitata</u> Dougl. Globe gilia	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Gilia tricolor</u> Benth. Birdseye gilia	Very common	Slope
<u>Linanthus bicolor</u> (Nutt.) Greene Bicolored linanthus	Common	Slope
<u>Linanthus ciliatus</u> (Benth.) Greene Bristly-leaved linanthus	Common	Slope
<u>Linanthus dichotomus</u> Benth. Eveningsnow linanthus	Uncommon	Slope, especially north
<u>Linanthus filipes</u> (Benth.) Greene Filiform linanthus	Common	Slope, on shallow soil
<u>Linanthus serrulatus</u> Greene Madera linanthus	Uncommon	Slope, especially north
<u>Navarretia pubescens</u> (Benth.) Hook. and Arn. Downy navarretia	Common	Slope, on shallow soil
<u>HYDROPHYLLACEAE</u> Phacelia family		
<u>Nemophila aurita</u> Lindl. Purple nemophila	Uncommon	Shaded slope
<u>Nemophila heterophylla</u> F. and M. Small white nemophila	Common	Shaded slope

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Nemophila maculata</u> Benth. Spotted nemophila Fivespot nemophila	Uncommon	Creekbank
<u>Nemophila menziesii</u> Hook. and Arn. Babyblue-eyes nemophila	Common	Lower slope
<u>Phacelia californica</u> Cham. California phacelia	Uncommon	Rock outcrop
<u>Phacelia hispida</u> Gray Caterpillar phacelia	Common	Rock outcrop
<u>Phacelia platyloba</u> Gray Broadlobed phacelia	Uncommon	Shaded slope
<u>BORAGINACEAE</u> Borage family		
<u>Allocarya trachycarpa</u> (Gray) Greene Rough-fruited allocarya	Common	Wet swale
<u>Amsinckia douglasiana</u> DC. Douglas fiddleneck	Common	Shaded slope
<u>Amsinckia intermedia</u> Fisch. and Mey. Fireweed fiddleneck	Common	Slope
<u>Amsinckia retrorsa</u> Suksd. Rigid fiddleneck Harvest fireweed	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Cryptantha flaccida</u> (Dougl.) Greene Cryptantha	Common	Slope
<u>Cryptantha hooveri</u> I. M. Johnston Hoover's cryptantha	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Heliotropium curassauicum</u> L. Salt heliotrope	Rare	Disturbed soil

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Plagiobothrys canescens</u> Benth. Valley popcornflower	Common	Lower slope and dry swale
<u>Plagiobothrys nothofulvus</u> Gray Redstain popcornflower	Very common	Slope and dry swale
<u>Plagiobothrys tenellus</u> Gray Slender popcornflower	Common	Slope, on shallow soil
<u>VERBENACEAE</u> Verbena family		
<u>Verbena lasiostachys</u> Link. (<u>Verbena prostrata</u> R. Br.) Western verbena	Uncommon	Slope
<u>LABIATAE</u> Mint family		
<u>Marrubium vulgare</u> L. Common hoarhound	Uncommon	Disturbed soil
<u>Monardella candicans</u> Benth. Sierra monardella	Common	Swale
<u>Monardella lanceolata</u> Gray Mustang mint	Uncommon	Swale
<u>Pogogyne douglasi</u> Benth. Douglas pogogyne	Common	Swale
<u>Salvia carduacea</u> Benth. Thistle sage	Common	Slope
<u>Salvia columbariae</u> Benth. California chia	Uncommon	Shaded slope
<u>Scutellaria bolanderi</u> Gray Bolander's skullcap	Uncommon	Wet swale and seeps
<u>Scutellaria tuberosa</u> Benth. Tuberous skullcap	Uncommon	Shaded slope

FORBS

Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Stachys albens</u> Gray Whitehedge nettle	Uncommon	Seeps
<u>Trichostema lanceolatum</u> Benth. Vinegar bluecurls	Common	Slope
<u>Trichostema oblongum</u> Benth. Mountain bluecurls	Uncommon	Swale
<u>SOLANACEAE</u> Nightshade family		
<u>Datura meteloides</u> DC. Sacred datura Tolguacha	Uncommon	Disturbed soil
<u>Nicotiana attenuata</u> Torr. Coyote tobacco	Uncommon	Disturbed soil or swale
<u>Solanum nigrum</u> L. Black nightshade	Rare	Lower slope
<u>Solanum xanthi</u> Gray Purple nightshade	Uncommon	Lower slope
<u>SCROPHULARIACEAE</u> Figwort family		
<u>Antirrhinum cornutum</u> Benth. Spurred snapdragon	Uncommon	Slope, especially south
<u>Collinsia bartsiaefolia</u> Benth. Seaside collinsia	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Collinsia bicolor</u> Benth. Pagoda collinsia Chinese houses	Common	Shaded slope
<u>Collinsia tinctoria</u> Hartw. Brownstain collinsia Sticky Chinese houses	Uncommon	Shaded creekbed

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Cordylanthus compactus</u> Pennell Muleweed	Uncommon	Rocky slope
<u>Mimulus pilosus</u> (Benth.) Wats. Downy mimulus	Uncommon	Lower slope
<u>Mimulus bolanderi</u> Gray Tobacco mimulus	Uncommon	Shaded slope
<u>Mimulus floribundus</u> Dougl. Monkeyflower	Uncommon	Wet swale
<u>Mimulus nasutus</u> Greene (<u>Mimulus guttatus nasutus</u> Jepson) Common monkeyflower	Common	Wet swale
<u>Mimulus nanus</u> Hook. and Arn. Dwarf monkeyflower	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Mimulus viscidus</u> Congdon. Viscid monkeyflower	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Mimulus pictus</u> (Curran) Gray Painted monkeyflower	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Orthocarpus erianthus micranthus</u> (Gray) Jepson Johnnystuck owlclover	Common	Slope
<u>Orthocarpus linearilobus</u> Benth. Pallid owlclover	Common	Slope
<u>Orthocarpus purpurascens</u> Benth. Escobita owlclover Common owlclover	Common	Slope
<u>Penstemon breviflorus</u> Lindl. Stubflower penstemon	Common	Rocky slope
<u>Scrophularia californica</u> Cham. and Sch. California figwort	Uncommon	Rock outcrop

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Verbascum blattaria</u> L. Moth mullein	Rare	Lower slope
<u>PLANTAGINACEAE</u> Plantain family		
<u>Plantago erecta</u> Morris Dotseed plantain	Very common	Slope
<u>RUBIACEAE</u> Madder family		
<u>Galium aparine</u> L. Catchweed bedstraw	Common	Shaded slope or swale
<u>Galium nuttalli</u> Gray Nuttall bedstraw	Uncommon	Shaded slope or swale
<u>VALERIANACEAE</u> Valerian family		
<u>Plectritis ciliosa</u> (Greene) Jepson Plectritis	Common	Shady lower slope or creekbank
<u>Plectritis macrocera</u> T. and G. Longhorn plectritis	Uncommon	Shady lower slope
<u>CAMPANULACEAE</u> Bellflower family		
<u>Githopsis specularioides</u> Nutt. Githopsis	Uncommon	Slope
<u>LOBELIACEAE</u> Lobelia family		
<u>Downingia bicornuta</u> Gray Downingia	Uncommon	Wet swale
<u>Nemacladus rigidus interior</u> Munz Nemacladus	Uncommon	Lower slope or swale

FORBS

Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>COMPOSITAE</u> Sunflower family		
<u>Achillea lanulosa</u> L. Western yarrow	Uncommon	Lower slope
<u>Agoseris heterophylla</u> (Nutt.) Greene Annual agoseris	Common	Slope
<u>Anaphalis margaritacea</u> (L.) B. and H. Common pearleverlasting	Uncommon	Rocky slope
<u>Baeria chrysostoma gracilis</u> Hall Branchy goldfields	Very common	Slope
<u>Baeria uliginosa</u> (Nutt.) Gray Goldfields	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Balsamorhiza deltoidea</u> Nutt. Balsamroot	Rare	North slope
<u>Bidens frondosa</u> L. Devils beggarticks	Uncommon	Lower slope
<u>Brickellia californica</u> T. and G. Californica brkellia	Uncommon	Rocky slope
<u>Calycadenia mollis</u> Gray Rosinweed	Common	Slope
<u>Calycadenia multiglandulosa</u> DC. Rosinweed	Common	Slope
<u>Calycadenia villosa</u> DC. Rosinweed	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Centaurea melitensis</u> L. Malta centaurea Tocalote Napa thistle	Common	Slope
<u>Centromadia pumens</u> (T. and G.) Greene Common spikeweed	Uncommon	Lower slope

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Chaenactis glabriuscula</u> DC. Chaenactis	Common	Slope
<u>Cirsium occidentale</u> (Nutt.) Jepson Western thistle	Common	Slope
<u>Coreopsis bigelovi</u> (Gray) Hall Bigelow coreopsis	Uncommon	Shaded slope
<u>Coreopsis douglasi</u> (DC.) Hall Douglas coreopsis	Uncommon	Shaded slope
<u>Coreopsis stillmani</u> (Gray) Jepson Stillman coreopsis	Uncommon	Shaded slope
<u>Erigeron canadensis</u> L. Horseweed fleabane	Uncommon	Disturbed soil
<u>Erigeron foliosus stenophyllus</u> (Nutt.) Gray Leafy fleabane	Uncommon	Rocky slope
<u>Eriophyllum confertiflorum</u> Gray Goldenyarrow eriophyllum	Common	Rocky slope
<u>Evax caulescens</u> Benth. Evax	Uncommon	Slope, on shallow soil
<u>Filago gallica</u> L. Fluffweed	Common	Slope
<u>Gnaphalium californicum</u> Gray California everlasting	Uncommon	Rocky slope
<u>Gnaphalium palustre</u> Nutt. Lowland cudweed	Uncommon	Lower slope
<u>Grindelia camporum</u> Greene Field gumweed	Uncommon	Slope, especially south

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Hemizonia heermannii</u> (<u>Hemizonia virgata heermannii</u> Jepson) Yellow tarweed	Very common	Lower slope and swale
<u>Hemizonia kelloggii</u> Greene (<u>Hemizonia wrightii</u> Gray) Wright's tarweed	Common	Rocky slope
<u>Hypochoeris glabra</u> L. Smooth catsear	Very common	Lower slope and dry swale
<u>Lactuca serriola</u> (<u>Lactuca scariola</u> L.) Prickly lettuce	Uncommon	Disturbed soil
<u>Layia gaillardiioides</u> Hook. and Arn. Layia	Common	Shady slope
<u>Layia pentachaeta hansenii</u> (Jepson) Keck Layia Tidytips	Common	Shady slope
<u>Lessingia germanorum vallicola</u> Cham. Lessingia	Common	Slope
<u>Lessingia</u> sp. Lessingia	Common	Slope
<u>Madia elegans densifolia</u> Jepson Madia	Uncommon	Creekbed
<u>Matricaria matricarioides</u> (Less.) Porter Pineappleweed	Uncommon	Disturbed soil
<u>Micropus californicus</u> F. and M. Micropus	Common	Slope, on shallow soil
<u>Pentachaeta exilis</u> Gray Pentachaeta	Common	Slope, on shallow soil

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Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Senecio douglasi</u> DC. Douglas groundsel	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Silybum marianum</u> (L.) Gaertn. Milkthistle	Rare	Creekbank
<u>Stephanomeria pauciflora</u> (Torr.) Nels. Wirelettuce	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Uropappus lindeyi</u> Nutt. Uropappus	Uncommon	Lower slope
<u>Xanthium canadense</u> Mill. Cocklebur	Uncommon	Creekbed

WOODY PLANTS

Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>PINACEAE</u> Pine family		
<u>Pinus sabiniana</u> Dougl. Digger pine	Very common	Slope
<u>SALICACEAE</u> Willow family		
<u>Populus fremontii</u> Wats. Fremont cottonwood	Uncommon	Creekbank
<u>Salix laevigata</u> Bebb. Red willow	Uncommon	Creekbank
<u>FAGACEAE</u> Oak family		
<u>Quercus douglasii</u> Hook. and Arn. Blue oak	Very common	Slope
<u>Quercus morehus</u> Kell. Oracle oak	Rare	Slope
<u>Quercus wislizenii</u> DC. Interior live oak	Very common	Slope
<u>LORANTHACEAE</u> Mistletoe family		
<u>Arceuthobium campylopodum</u> Engelm. Western dwarf mistletoe Pine mistletoe	Common	Parasitic on digger pine
<u>Phoradendron villosum</u> Nutt. Common mistletoe	Very common	Parasitic on blue oak and live oak
<u>ANACARDIACEAE</u> Sumac family		
<u>Rhus diversiloba</u> T. and G. Pacific poisonoak	Common	Rocky slope

WOODY PLANTS

Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>Rhus trilobata</u> Nutt. Skunkbush sumac Squawbush	Rare	Slope
<u>SAPINDACEAE</u> Buckeye family		
<u>Aesculus californica</u> (Spach) Nutt. California buckeye	Common	Slope
<u>RHAMNACEAE</u> Buckthorn family		
<u>Ceanothus cuneatus</u> (Hook.) Nutt. Buckbrush ceanothus Wedgeleaf ceanothus	Very common	Slope, especially north
<u>Ceanothus leucodermis</u> Greene (<u>Ceanothus divaricatus</u>) Chaparral whitethorn ceanothus	Uncommon	Slope
<u>Rhamnus californica cuspidata</u> (Greene) Wolf California buckthorn California coffeeberry	Common	Slope
<u>Rhamnus crocea ilicifolia</u> Greene Hollyleaf buckthorn Redberry buckthorn	Common	Slope
<u>ERICACEAE</u> Heath family		
<u>Arctostaphylos mariposa</u> Dudley Mariposa manzanita	Common	Rocky slope
<u>HYDROPHYLLACEAE</u> Phacelia family		
<u>Eriodictyon californicum</u> (Hook. and Arn.) Greene Yerba santa	Uncommon	Slope

WOOLY PLANTS

Botanical and common name	Occurrence	Habitat
<u>RUBIACEAE</u> Madder family		
<u>Cephalanthus occidentalis</u> L. Common buttonoush	Uncommon	Seep
<u>CAPRIFOLIACEAE</u> Honeysuckle family		
<u>Lonicera interrupta</u> Benth. Chaparral honeysuckle	Rare	Slope, especially north
<u>Sambucus caerulea</u> Raf. (<u>Sambucus glauca</u> Nutt.) Blueberry elder Blue elderberry	Uncommon	Rocky slope

APPENDIX II

VERTEBRATE FAUNA OF THE SAN JOAQUIN EXPERIMENTAL RANGE,
CALIFORNIA: A CHECKLIST

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This report updates an earlier checklist, published in 1955, of vertebrate fauna found on the San Joaquin Experimental Range, in Madera County, California. Nineteen new species have been recorded since 1955. This report records the occurrences of seven fish, eight amphibians, 19 reptiles, 38 mammals, and 149 birds. References to research on individual species are included.

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Since research began at the San Joaquin Experimental Range, Madera County, California, in the 1930's, the relationships between wildlife, vegetation, and cattle have been integral parts of the research program. In cooperation with individuals and other organizations, the Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station has participated in and encouraged studies of many basic biological subjects. Agencies and institutions that have taken part include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Game, University of California, and California State University, Fresno. A list of the publications about research at the Experimental Range (Sanderson and Duncan 1966) is currently being revised.

The San Joaquin Experimental Range lies in the lower Sierra Nevada foothills of central California. Elevations range from 700 to 1,700 feet on the 4,500 acres. Soils (Awahnee and Visalia series) are of granitic origin, and have low capacity for storing water. Winters are mild and moist; summers are hot and dry. Rainfall averages about 19 inches, with extremes of about 10 and 32 inches. The Experimental Range is in the annual plant-oak woodland type, and includes grassland, savanna, and occasionally dense stands of trees and brush.

The zoologically oriented studies on the Experimental Range have dealt chiefly with life histories of major rodent species, their impact on range forage, food habits and management of quail, and food habits of predators. Most recorded occurrences of birds are the result of occasional observations by scientists and technicians—not from formal studies.

This report updates an earlier checklist of vertebrate fauna of the Experimental Range (Childs and Howard 1955); and provides additional information. It lists all species recorded since 1955. That earlier list is now out of print. Specimens of most species are in a collection at the Experimental Range. Only species seen within the Range boundary are included in this updated list.

Scientific names used are in accordance with these sources: fish—Kimsey and Fisk (1960); amphibians and reptiles—Stebbins (1966); mammals—Ingles (1965); birds—American Ornithologists Union (1957) and Grinnell and Miller (1944).

FISH (7)

The occurrence of fish at the Experimental Range depends on introduction into artificial ponds. Two dry years (1971-72) in a row caused the one reservoir with a fish population to become dry. In January 1973, no fish populations occurred on the Range except mosquito fish in a few large concrete water troughs. In early 1973, large-mouth bass, bluegill, Sacramento perch, and mosquito fish were stocked in an experiment designed to provide baseline fish production data from foothill ranch ponds.

Checklist of Fish

Mosquito fish	(<i>Gambusia affinis</i>)
Large-mouth bass	(<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>)
Hitch	(<i>Lavinia exilicauda</i>)
Green Sunfish	(<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>)
Bluegill	(<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>)
Red-ear Sunfish	(<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>) ¹
Sacramento perch	(<i>Archoplites interruptus</i>) ¹

AMBHIBIANS (8)

The semi-arid conditions in the foothill belt of California are not suitable for a large or varied amphibian population. One introduced species, the bullfrog, is found in reservoirs. Two Anurans, the Pacific tree frog and the Western spadefoot toad, are the most abundant members of this group (Cohen and Wood 1953).

¹New species recorded since 1955.

Checklist of Amphibians

California newt	Western toad
Tiger salamander	Pacific tree frog
Slender salamander	Red-legged frog
Western spadefoot toad	Bullfrog

California newt (*Taricha torosus sierrae*). Rare.

Kenneth A. Wagnon recalls observing the California newt occasionally in the 1930's. Although no newts were seen in 1950-51, two specimens were taken in spring 1952. Several were seen in spring 1963 by Don A. Duncan.

Tiger salamander

(*Ambystoma tigrinum californiense*). Rare.

Found in limited numbers near the dams in the headquarters area. On February 22, 1952, eggs were found where the horse pasture dam used to be. Several albino larvae were taken in 1950-51. One found by William H. Kruse in headquarters area July 10, 1963. One or two seen most years by Don A. Duncan since 1963.

Slender salamander

(*Batrachoseps a. attenuatus*). Uncommon.

Found under rocks and logs in the wet season.

Western spadefoot toad

(*Scaphiopus h. hammondi*). Abundant.

The spadefoot breeds in vernal pools and intermittent streams in varying numbers depending on weather conditions in early spring. Singing begins in late January with most egg production in March. Albino larvae are occasionally found. Reference: Childs (1953).

Western toad

(*Bufo boreas halophilus*). Common.

These toads may be found foraging at night. Eggs were found on February 22, 1952, where the horse pasture dam used to be.

Pacific tree frog (*Hyla regilla*). Rare.

Found in wet areas throughout the year where it breeds in streams and vernal pools.

Red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytoni*). Rare.

One was observed in October 1951. The yellow-legged frog (*Rana boylei*) has not been observed at the Range, although both of these species are present at O'Neals, 3 miles away.

Bullfrog (*Rana catesbeiana*). Common.

Formerly abundant before the destruction of the

horse pasture dam in 1951. References: Cohen and Howard (1958), Howard (1950).

REPTILES (19)

Reptiles appear well suited to the climate of the Experimental Range as indicated by their numbers and diversity of kinds. Three lizards—Gilbert skink, whiptail lizard, Western fence lizard—and two snakes—Pacific gopher snake and Pacific rattlesnake—are the most abundant species.

Checklist of Reptiles

Lizards (6)

Western fence lizard
Side-blotched lizard
Pacific Coast
horned lizard
Gilbert skink
Whiptail lizard
Southern alligator
lizard

Turtles (1)

Pacific mud turtle

Snakes (12)

Western ring-necked snake
Western yellow-bellied racer
California striped whipsnake
Pacific gopher snake
King snake
Mountain king snake¹
Long-nosed snake
Sierra Nevada garter snake
Giant garter snake¹
Red-sided garter snake
California spotted night snake
Pacific rattlesnake

Lizards (6)

Western fence lizard

(*Sceloporus o. occidentalis*). Abundant.

The first lizard to become active in the spring, generally on warm days in February or March. Found around buildings, rock outcrops, and trees.

Side-blotched lizard

(*Uta stansburiana hesperis*). Common.

Found in sandy areas where escape burrows are present.

Pacific Coast horned lizard

(*Phrynosoma coronatum frontale*). Rare.

Observed in the later 1930's, but only one has been recorded in recent years (1966).

Gilbert skink

(*Eumeces g. gilberti*). Abundant.

This species and the whiptail lizard are taken abun-

¹New species recorded since 1955.

dantly in drift traps. The skink appears to be active only from April to June in dense vegetation.

Whiptail lizard

(*Cnemidophorus tigris mundus*). Abundant.

Found in sparse vegetation and along roads; active during the entire summer.

Southern alligator lizard

(*Gerrhonotus multicarinatus webbiai*). Rare.

Only a few have been recorded in the headquarters area. One collected May 28, 1961 by Jack N. Reppert on patio of guest rooms. One found at northern edge of Experimental Range by Don A. Duncan, May 2 1973.

Turtles (1)

Pacific mud turtle

(*Clemmys marmorata*). Uncommon.

Presence of the reservoir allows a few introduced individuals to reproduce themselves.

Snakes (12)

Western ring-necked snake

(*Diadophis amabilis pulchellus*). Rare.

A few have been recorded along the swale in headquarters area. One collected February 20, 1961 under rocks in Range Unit 5-1 by Don A. Duncan. One seen in Range Unit 9 in 1962 by Stanley L. Anderson.

Western yellow-bellied racer

(*Coluber constrictor mormon*). Uncommon.

Taken occasionally in the drift traps in headquarters area.

California striped whipsnake

(*Coluber lateralis*). Common.

Widespread on the Range.

Pacific gopher snake

(*Pituophis c. catenifer*). Abundant.

Widely distributed over the Experimental Range, perhaps more abundant than the rattlesnake (Howard 1949).

King snake

(*Lampropeltis getulus californiae*). Common.

Found in small numbers on the Experimental Range. One found ingesting a rattlesnake and photographed by Stanley E. Westfall in 1972.

Mountain king snake

(*Lampropeltis zonata*).¹ Rare.

One found dead on road in 1965 by Don A. Duncan; live specimen found in Range Unit 5-3 in April 1967 by Duncan.

Long-nosed snake

(*Rhinocheilus l. lecontei*). Rare.

Drift trap records indicate a greater abundance of this snake than was once believed.

Sierra Nevada garter snake

(*Thamnophis elegans couchii*). Common.

Found along streams (Fitch 1941).

Giant garter snake

(*Thamnophis elegans gigas*).¹ Rare.

First seen March 1972, in pond in Range Unit 9. Specimen captured, identified, and released May 21, 1972 by Don A. Duncan. Thomas F. Newman observed one attempting to swallow a 5-inch bluegill at the reservoir in Range Unit 9 on July 2, 1972. Listed as a "Rare" species in California (Leach and Fisk 1972).

Red-sided garter snake

(*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*). Common.

Limited to moist areas.

California spotted night snake

(*Hypsiglena torquata nuchalata*). Rare.

Recorded in rock outcrops in walls of wells.

Pacific rattlesnake

(*Crotalus viridis oregonus*). Abundant.

A thorough study of the habits of this species has been made. A population of one per acre is estimated (Fitch 1949; Fitch and Glading 1947; Fitch and Twining 1946; Fitch and Wagnon 1947).

MAMMALS (38)

Most of the mammalian investigations have concerned rodents because these animals occur in great numbers and also because their undesirable effects on forage production become of economic significance.

Checklist of Mammals

Virginia opossum	Adorned shrew
Broad-footed mole	Yuma myotis

¹New species recorded since 1955.

California myotis	Botta pocket gopher
Western pipistrelle	San Joaquin Pocket mouse
Red bat	California pocket mouse
Pallid bat	Heermann kangaroo rat
Mexican free-tailed bat	Muskrat ¹
Raccoon	Southern grasshopper mouse
Long-tailed weasel	Western harvest mouse
Spotted skunk	Deer mouse
Striped skunk	Brush mouse
Badger	Pinon mouse
Gray fox	Dusky-footed wood rat
Coyote	California meadow mouse
Mountain lion	House mouse
Bobcat	Yellow-haired porcupine
Beechey ground squirrel	Black-tailed hare
Merriam chipmunk	Audubon cottontail
Gray squirrel	Mule Deer

Virginia opossum

(*Didelphis v. virginiana*). Common.

One was recorded in an owl pellet (Fitch 1947b). First live animal reported by Donald L. Neal, December 1, 1957. Second live record by Jack N. Reppert, June 10, 1958. Several live animals were reported seen during the 1960's and the early 1970's.

Broad-footed mole

(*Scapanus l. latimanus*). Rare.

Two specimens were taken in gardens at headquarters in March 1953. Don A. Duncan reports moles are fairly common in the headquarters area; burrows are apparent, but animal not often seen.

Adorned shrew (*Sorex o. ornatus*). Rare.

One was caught in a drift trap on April 1, 1951. The specimen is located at the University of California Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley.

Yuma myotis

(*Myotis yumanensis sociabilis*). Common.

Found at night in barns and around adobe buildings.

California myotis

(*Myotis c. californicus*). Common.

Habits are the same as the Yuma myotis.

Western pipistrelle

(*Pipistrellus hesperus merriami*). Common.

This early evening flyer was first collected in June 1950.

Red bat (*Lasiurus borealis teliotis*). Rare.

Recorded only in an owl pellet by Fitch (1947b).

Pallid bat

(*Antrozous pallidus pacificus*). Abundant.

Not recorded on the Range by J. T. Wright in 1937, but the pallid bat is now an abundant night roosting bat in the barns and adobe buildings. Jay C. Quast observed them flying out of holes in a blue oak at dusk during summer 1949. Studies on this species have been conducted by Sherman F. Wood and Henry E. Childs, Jr.

Mexican free-tailed bat

(*Tadarida mexicana*). Common.

Only a few records in early spring have been obtained while they were night roosting with the pallid bat.

Raccoon (*Procyon lotor psora*). Common.

Widespread over the Range along swales.

Long-tailed weasel

(*Mustella frenata xanthogenys*). Rare.

One was captured in the drift traps on May 6, 1950.

Spotted skunk

(*Spilogale gracilis phenax*). Rare.

Two, both road kills, found in 1951-52.

Striped skunk

(*Mephitis mephitis occidentalis*). Uncommon.

A few individuals have been trapped or seen.

Badger (*Taxidea taxus neglecta*). Common.

Although badgers are not often seen—even at night—their diggings indicate they are present.

Gray fox

(*Urocyon cinereoargenteus townsendi*). Rare.

Few foxes have been seen in recent years. Childs and Howard (1955) listed this species as common, but only three separate sightings were reported in 1971 and 1972. On January 28, 1973, Thomas F. Newman saw an individual near the stone bridge on the entrance road.

¹New species recorded since 1955.

Coyote (*Canis latrans*). Common.

No control effort has been made since 1960. Coyotes have been commonly seen and heard in recent years. No cattle have ever been reported killed by coyotes. Calves dying from other causes have been scavenged by coyotes. Fitch (1948b) reported on the coyote at the Experimental Range.

Mountain lion

(*Felis concolor californica*). Rare.

Several sight records have been made since 1934. A few deer kills have been made on the Experimental Range by mountain lions.

Bobcat (*Lynx rufus californicus*). Common.

Frequently sighted now. No control effort has been made since 1960. Population is thought to be increasing. No cattle losses from bobcats have ever been reported.

Beechey ground squirrel

(*Spermophilus beecheyi fisheri*). Abundant.

This species is very important ecologically and economically to foothill rangelands. Many investigators have studied the life history of this animal, including Fitch 1947c, 1948c; Fitch and Bentley 1949; Horn and Fitch 1946; Howard 1951, 1959; Howard and Wagnon 1951; Howard, Wagnon, and Bentley 1959. The movements, population dynamics, and food habits of these squirrels and their relationship to cattle grazing are being studied in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. No control measures have been applied since 1962.

Merriam chipmunk

(*Eutamias m. merriami*). Uncommon.

This species seems restricted to rock outcrops where brush or fallen trees are found. J. T. Wright indicates that it may have been more abundant in former years. Seems to be rather common in suitable habitat. Frank Schitoskey (pers. commun.) reports that now (1973) chipmunks are more common than the San Joaquin pocket mouse.

Gray squirrel (*Sciurus g. griseus*). Uncommon.

The gray squirrel is found in association with digger pines. It is probably exposed to greater predation here than in most parts of its range because of the necessity of moving from tree to tree on the ground.

Botta pocket gopher

(*Thomomys bottae mewa*). Abundant.

Howard and Childs (1955) reported that: "This

species perhaps surpasses the ground squirrel for the title of the most destructive rodent on rangelands, because they occur in much greater numbers. It was found that 32 per acre reduced forage by 25 percent. . . . An aboveground dispersal has been demonstrated by the drift trap study." Others who have reported on the species are Howard (1952a, 1952b, 1953), Howard and Childs (1959), Morejohn and Howard (1956), and Ratliff and Westfall (1971). Movements and food habits are being studied in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

San Joaquin pocket mouse

(*Perognathus i. inornatus*). Common.

Appears to be common where vegetation is sparse.

California pocket mouse

(*Perognathus californicus ochrus*). Uncommon.

Only irregularly taken.

Heermann kangaroo rat

(*Dipodomys heermanni tularensis*). Common.

At one time very abundant. A change from "perhaps 30 per acre to only one," during the period 1935 through 1946 was reported (Fitch 1948). Frank Schitoskey reported this species is even less abundant than one per acre from study results in 1972-73.

Muskrat (*Ondatra zibethica*).¹ Rare.

Three were seen on the reservoir in Range Unit 9 during 1971. Two were killed September 10, 1971; a dead muskrat was seen at the reservoir on July 2, 1972. One live one seen July 8, 1972.

Southern grasshopper mouse

(*Onychomys torridus tularensis*). Rare.

Reported only in association with *Lotus scoparius* in the big canyon below headquarters. An attempt to find them in this area in the summer of 1952 was unsuccessful.

Western harvest mouse

(*Reithrodontomys megalotis longicaudus*).

Uncommon.

Found in the swale areas in ungrazed pastures.

Deer mouse

(*Peromyscus maniculatus gambeli*). Abundant.

The deer mouse is found in open grazed pastures away from rocks or brush.

¹New species recorded since 1955.

Brush mouse (*Peromyscus b. boylei*). Abundant.
Found generally in rock outcrops (Howard 1957).

Pinon mouse (*Peromyscus truei gilberti*). Abundant.

This species is most abundant in ungrazed brush. The relative abundance of the three species of *Peromyscus* may be interpreted from the following summary of total catch in standardized trap lines in two grazed pastures and in the ungrazed natural area during October 1951, April and October 1952, and April 1953. The numbers caught were: *P. boylei*, 43; *P. Truei*, 20; *P. maniculatus*, 11; *Perognathus inornatus*, 6; *Dipodomys*, 5; *Neotoma*, 2; *Riethrodontomys*, 1; *Eutamias*, 1; Total 89.

Dusky-footed wood rat (*Neotoma fuscipes streator*). Common.

The wood rat is widely found in brush and rock outcrops.

California meadow mouse (*Microtus californicus mariposae*). Uncommon.

The meadow mouse is restricted to ungrazed areas where it may become abundant. A cyclic peak in abundance was observed in 1951. In 1972 and 1973 Frank Schitoskey reported no captures of this species with intense trapping effort in suitable habitat.

House mouse (*Mus musculus*). Rare.

Only an occasional individual was taken in the headquarters area.

Yellow-haired porcupine (*Erethizon dorsatum*). Rare.

One was reported some years ago by Kenneth A. Wagnon and one was found dead on the entrance road in June, 1953. No live specimens reported from 1960 through 1972.

Black-tailed hare (*Lepus c. californicus*). Uncommon.

Occasional individuals or family groups are seen.

Audubon cottontail (*Sylvilagus audubonii vallicola*). Abundant.

It is widely distributed over the Experimental Range, often seen in numbers in the evenings during summer on lawns around headquarters (Fitch 1947a; Herman and Jankiewicz 1942).

Mule deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*). Common.

Apparently deer have greatly increased in numbers

since 1934. Horn and Fitch (1942) fail to mention deer as occurring on the Experimental Range. Childs and Howard (1955) estimated the resident population at about a dozen animals, with no apparent migrants. Deer continued to increase during the 1960's until the population is now probably in excess of 100 animals.

BIRDS (149)

Much has been written of the avifauna of California. Yet works restricted to the upper Sonoran zone, and to particular localities in it, are rare. The following accounts picture the bird populations in the foothill areas of the central part of the State as shown by the records made at the San Joaquin Experimental Range. The following definitions of status are used:

Permanent resident—a nesting bird found throughout the year.

Summer resident—a nesting bird found only during the nesting season.

Winter resident—a non-nesting species found only in winter.

Migrant—a non-nesting species found in the fall and/or spring, but rare or absent at other times.

Vagrant—a bird that has drifted from normal migration routes or its usual seasonal life zone; may also be a pioneer.

Casual—a species that is markedly irregular in occurrence from one year to another.

Residents are classed according to relative abundance: 1 (most abundant), 2, and 3 (least abundant).

For detailed accounts of the distribution of the birds recorded, see Grinnell and Miller (1944). Where species status has been determined from specimens, this has been added to the scientific name; the common name of the species has been used in every instance.

Checklist of Birds

The following three lists include only the nesting species and winter residents. The migrants, casuals, and vagrants appear in the annotated list. The status of some birds is tentative; further observations are needed to clarify their status.

Permanent Residents (38)

Wood duck ¹	Sparrow hawk
Cooper's hawk	California quail
Red-tailed hawk	Killdeer

¹New species recorded since 1955.

Mourning dove	Brown creeper
Roadrunner	Wrentit
Barn owl	Bewick's wren
Screech owl	Canyon wren
Great horned owl	California thrasher
Anna's hummingbird	Western bluebird
Red-shafted flicker	Loggerhead shrike
Acorn woodpecker	Starling ¹
Downy woodpecker	House sparrow
Nuttall's woodpecker	Western meadowlark
Black phoebe	Brewer's blackbird
Scrub jay	House finch
Common raven	Lawrence's goldfinch
Plain titmouse	Brown towhee
Common bushtit	Lark sparrow
White-breasted nuthatch	Rufous-crowned sparrow

Summer Residents (14)

Turkey vulture	House wren
Western kingbird	Blue-gray gnatcatcher
Ash-throated flycatcher	Phainopepla
Western wood pewee	Red-winged blackbird
Violet green swallow	Bullock's oriole
Barn Swallow	Brown-headed cowbird
Cliff swallow	Black-headed grosbeak

Winter Residents (15)

Sharp-shinned hawk	Audubon's warbler
Lewis' woodpecker	Purple finch
Yellow-bellied sapsucker	Rufous-sided towhee
Say's phoebe	Oregon junco
Rock wren	Gambel white-crowned sparrow
Mockingbird	Golden-crowned sparrow
Robin	Lincoln's sparrow
Ruby-crowned kinglet	

Eared grebe

(Podiceps caspicus).¹ Casual winter visitant.

One seen on reservoir in Range Unit 9 on October 8, 1958 by Robert F. Buttery.

Pied-billed grebe

(Podilymbus podiceps). Casual winter visitant.

Between September 29, 1951 and March 21, 1952, individuals were observed on six occasions on the reservoir; however, none were seen the following year.

¹New species recorded since 1955.

White pelican

(Pelecanus erythrorhynchos). Rare migrant.

A flock of 40 was observed in flight March 30, 1953.

Great blue heron

(Ardea herodias). Summer visitant.

Can be seen at reservoirs fairly often.

Green heron (*Butorides virescens*).¹ Casual.

Seen at reservoir on April 18, 1957 and May 18, 1958 by Robert F. Buttery.

Common egret

(Casmerodius albus). Casual summer visitant.

Formerly found at the horse pasture dam during the summer, but has not been recorded since September 1951.

Black-crowned night heron

(Nycticorax nycticorax). Casual.

One was heard calling in flight at night October 7, 1952.

Least bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*). Casual.

One female was trapped alive in a drift trap along the swale at headquarters April 16, 1950, and released.

Canada goose (*Branta canadensis*).

Winter migrant.

Flocks have been seen in December and January in flight perhaps either to or from Lake Millerton, 6 miles away. Occasionally flocks have been seen feeding on new grass in open areas.

White-fronted goose

(Anser albifrons). Casual winter migrant.

A flight of 35 was recorded on December 7, 1951.

Snow goose

(Chen hyperborea).¹ Casual winter migrant.

A flock of 25 reported December 12, 1967 by Don A. Duncan.

Mallard

(Anas platyrhynchos).

Sporadic resident—winter migrant.

Mallards formerly bred in the region of the horse pasture dam. Pairs were seen regularly in vernal pools in spring. A male collected March 5, 1953 had been feeding on caddis fly larvae. Sometimes a pair will nest along intermittent streams—seldom successfully.

Green-winged teal

(*Anas carolinensis*).¹ Casual winter migrant.

Recorded on the pond in Range Unit 9 on December 5, 1972 by Don A. Duncan.

Cinnamon teal

(*Anas cyanoptera*).¹ Casual winter migrant.

Several seen February 1965 on pond in Range Unit 9. Occasional birds seen on reservoir in Range Unit 9 during winters of 1970-72.

Blue-winged teal

(*Anas discors*). Vagrant.

A group was reported at the horse pasture dam March 8, 1937 by Ben Glading.

American widgeon

(*Mareca americana*).¹ Casual winter migrant.

Seen occasionally on reservoir during winters of 1970-72.

Wood duck

(*Aix sponsa*).¹ Permanent resident-1.

A pair nested at reservoir in Range Unit 9 during the spring of 1971. A brood was successfully hatched. Occasional birds seen at the reservoir during the year.

Gadwall

(*Anas strepera*).¹ Casual winter migrant.

Occasionally seen on reservoir in Range Unit 9 during winter of 1970-71.

Redhead

(*Aythya americana*). Casual winter migrant.

Five or six were seen on reservoir by Jay R. Bentley.

Ring-necked duck

(*Aythya collaris*). Casual winter migrant.

Six individuals were seen in March 1952. They were absent, as were nearly all ducks, the following season.

Greater scaup

(*Aythya marila*). Casual winter migrant.

A flock of 20 was seen on February 24, 1952.

Ruddy duck

(*Oxyura jamaicensis*). Casual.

One male was collected June 4, 1937.

Hooded merganser

(*Lophodytes cucullatus*). Casual winter migrant.

Three individuals were noted in February and March 1952. Several seen on ponds in 1960's.

Common merganser

(*Mergus merganser*). Casual winter migrant.

One flock of five was recorded February 5, 1952.

Turkey vulture

(*Cathartes aura teter*). Summer resident-1.

A nest was found in a rock outcrop May 22, 1951. Migrating flocks of more than 500 birds have roosted overnight in digger pines during September or October.

California condor

(*Gymnogyps californianus*). Casual.

A flock of six to nine individuals was seen August 30, 1950 (Cohen 1951). None has been seen since.

Sharp-shinned hawk

(*Accipiter straitus*). Winter resident-3.

This hawk was recorded between September 12 and April 4.

Cooper's hawk

(*Accipiter cooperii*). Permanent resident-3.

Habits of this species on the Experimental Range were studied by Fitch, Glading, and House (1946).

Red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis calurus*). Permanent resident-1.

This species is the most abundant raptor occurring on the Experimental Range. Its habits were reported in detail by Fitch, Swenson, and Tillotson (1946).

Rough-legged hawk

(*Buteo lagopus s. johannis*). Casual.

One was recorded on September 26, 1951, and another on March 20, 1952.

Golden eagle

(*Aquila chrysaetos*). Casual.

Fitch, Swenson, and Tillotson (1946) recorded it as frequent in the area. Don A. Duncan reported seeing a few each year during the 1960's. Several were sighted in 1971 and 1972. One was observed on April 12, 1973. And one was observed flying over Range Units 3-3 and 6-3 on April 20, 1973 by Frank Starkey and Thomas F. Newman.

¹New species recorded since 1955.

Bald eagle

(Haliaeetus leucocephalus). Sporadic.

Recorded once by Fitch, Swenson, and Tillotson (1946). One was recorded during a snowstorm on January 27, 1957 by Robert F. Buttery. One was observed by Don A. Duncan December 27, 1970 in Range Unit 4-2. A mature individual was seen in Range Unit 10 by Duncan, Frank Starkey, and Thomas F. Newman on December 28, 1972.

Marsh hawk (*Circus cyaneus*). Casual.

One was recorded November 28, 1950. Don A. Duncan observed one in 1970 and one on April 24, 1971. Most sightings occur where bluffs meet the open valley.

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*).¹ Casual.

Don A. Duncan reports that a pair stayed at a neighbor's pond for several months in spring 1968. They flew over the Experimental Range occasionally. One was found dead, probably shot, under a snag in the lake.

Prairie falcon

(Falco mexicanus). Casual.

Seen October 6, 1951. Two were seen at the corals April 21, 1972. Arlene Wilkinson² recorded one on December 28, 1953.

Sparrow hawk

(Falco sparverius). Permanent resident--3.

J. T. Wright found a nest in a digger pine in 1937; another nest was found in a telephone pole March 28, 1953. Childs (1952) reports the taking of a kangaroo rat by a sparrow hawk.

California quail

(Lophortyx c. californicus).

Permanent resident--1.

This bird is the most abundant avian resident, nesting from May to mid-August. Much of the work serving as the basis for quail management in California was done by Ben Glading and others at the Experimental Range (Duncan 1968, 1971; Duncan and Shields 1966; Emlen and Glading 1938; Glading 1938a, 1938b, 1941; Glading, Biswell, and Smith 1940; Glading and Saarni 1944; Herman and Chatten

1943; Herman and Glading 1942; Herman, Jan-kieweiz, and Saarni 1942; Philpot, Howard, and Graham 1948; Shields and Duncan 1966). Much research has been done from 1960 to date on food habits and reproductive success. A cooperative study with California Department of Fish and Game and the University of California, Berkeley, was begun in 1971.

Chukar (*Alectoris graeca*).¹ Vagrant.

One seen in May 1972 by Don A. Duncan; probably a release from a neighboring ranch.

Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*).¹ Vagrant.

One was seen on April 19, 1972 in Range Unit 3-1 by Thomas F. Newman and Don A. Duncan. A single bird was seen on May 6, 1972 in Range Unit 3-2 by Duncan. The California Department of Fish and Game released wild turkey in the Raymond area about 6 miles away.

Peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*).¹ Vagrant.

Two adult females were seen July 7, 1971 by Stanley L. Anderson and Don A. Duncan.

Virginia rail (*Rallus limicola*). Casual.

One specimen has been taken.

American coot (*Fulica americana*). Casual.

Recorded in an owl pellet (Fitch 1947b). Seen occasionally on ponds during 1970-71.

Killdeer

(Charadrius vociferus). Permanent resident--2.

Nests of this species were found with four eggs in each on February 28, April 3, May 29, and June 1, 1952.

Common snipe

(Capella gallinago). Casual migrant.

One individual was observed twice in late March 1953.

Dunlin (*Erolia alpina*). Casual.

Observed by J. T. Wright in April 1937.

Band-tailed pigeon

(Columba fasciata). Sporadic winter visitant.

The numbers of this species were high in 1951. During 1952 and 1953 only an occasional flock was recorded in February and March. Abundant in some years when acorns are plentiful, such as winter of 1972-73.

¹New species recorded since 1955.

²Wilkinson, Arlene. *Birds of the foothill woodland community*. 1953. (Unpublished M.A. Thesis on file at California State University, Fresno.)

Mourning dove

(*Zenaidura macroura*). Permanent resident-1.

Very abundant in the fall when there is a good crop of turkey mullein (*Eromocarpus setigerus*). Ranch pond construction has greatly increased the use of foothill areas by doves.

Road-runner

(*Geococcyx californianus*). Permanent resident-3.

A covey of quail was seen "mobbing" one of these unusual birds July 31, 1952. Population has been down, but is apparently starting to recover. Thomas F. Newman and Stanley E. Westfall observed a road-runner drinking at a water trough in Range Unit 5-1 on August 31, 1972 and several were seen in the fall of 1972. One was seen January 5, 1973 in Range Unit 3-2 by Thomas F. Newman.

Barn owl

(*Tyto alba pratincola*). Permanent resident-3.

This ground feeding species, although not common, takes many pocket gophers for food.

Screech owl

(*Otus asio quercinus*). Permanent resident-2.

Heard frequently in the blue oaks on the Range.

Great horned owl

(*Bubo virginianus pacificus*).

Permanent resident-1.

A detailed account of the horned owl is provided by Fitch (1940, 1947b) and Howard (1958).

Pygmy owl

(*Glaucidium gnoma*).¹ Status undetermined.

Thomas F. Newman found one dead in a water trough November 8, 1971.

Long-eared owl

(*Asio otus*). Status undetermined.

A specimen was taken March 4, 1937.

Poorwill

(*Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*). Vagrant.

One was reported calling by Jay C. Quast in August 1949.

Common nighthawk

(*Chordeiles minor*). Casual.

Recorded in April, May, and October in small numbers.

Black swift (*Cypseloides niger*). Vagrant.

One reported May 9, 1961 by Robert F. Buttery.

¹New species recorded since 1955.

Anna's hummingbird

(*Calypte anna*). Permanent resident-3.

Observed January 20, 1957 and all winter of 1957; January 3, 1958 by Robert F. Buttery. Arlene Wilkinson² reported them present during March, April, and May during 1953. Present in small numbers year-round.

Rufous hummingbird

(*Selasphorus rufus*). Migrant.

Two have been recorded: April 1952 and March 1953.

Allen's hummingbird

(*Salasphorus sasin*). Migrant.

Several were seen in March 1953 and on March 23, 1959 by Robert F. Buttery.

Belted kingfisher (*Megaceryle alcyon*).

Resident-breeding status uncertain.

An occasional bird is seen at the reservoir.

Red-shafted flicker (*Colaptes cafer collaris*).

Permanent resident-2.

Resident birds are uncommon, but the red-shafted flicker is often seen in winter.

Acorn woodpecker (*Melanerpes formicivora*

bairdi). Permanent resident-1.

Very abundant and frequently observed. Acorn storing habits often damage buildings, power poles, and fence posts.

Lewis' woodpecker

(*Asyndesmus lewis*). Winter resident.

Often present during winter, but was not recorded in the 1952-53 season, although abundant a few hundred feet below the Experimental Range. Robert F. Buttery reports they were fairly common on the lower part of the range before digger pines were felled prior to a controlled burn. Don A. Duncan reports that the abundance increased during the 1960's, and a population stayed the fall and winter of 1970-71. In 1965 hundreds could be seen on a drive on Experimental Range roads.

Yellow-bellied sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*

daggetti). Winter residents-2.

The sapsucker arrives as early as September 6 and it remains until late April.

²Wilkinson, Arlene. *Birds of the foothill woodland community*. 1953. (Unpublished M.A. Thesis on file at California State University, Fresno.)

Downy woodpecker

(*Dendrocopos pubescens*). Permanent resident—3.

Two have been recorded: July 26, 1952 and January 15, 1953.

Nuttall's woodpecker

(*Dendrocopos nuttallii*). Permanent resident—2.

A notably territorial species frequently seen in blue oaks and digger pines.

Western kingbird

(*Tyrannus verticalis*). Summer resident—1.

The kingbird arrives in late March and departs in September.

Ash-throated flycatcher

(*Myiarchus c. cinerascens*). Summer resident—1.

Found between mid-April and mid-September in small numbers.

Black phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans semiatra*).

Permanent resident—3.

Nests in culverts around headquarters and in Pasture 1.

Say's phoebe (*Sayornis s. saya*).

Winter resident—2.

The Say's phoebe arrives in mid-September and leaves in mid-March. It roosts commonly during the winter in protected places around the headquarters building, where 10 were banded.

Hammond's flycatcher

(*Empidonax hammondii*). Migrant.

Specimens were taken April 15, 19, and 28, 1937.

Gray flycatcher

(*Empidonax wrightii*). Migrant.

Specimens were taken April 19 and 21, 1937. Observations of *Empidonax* flycatchers since 1951 have been few, and the birds remain quiet, making specific identification impossible.

Western wood pewee

(*Contopus sordidulus*). Summer resident—2.

Resident status has not been fully determined. Arlene Wilkinson² reported sighting a few during December 1953.

Olive-sided flycatcher

(*Nuttallornis borealis*). Migrant.

A few have been seen during April and May.

Horned lark (*Eremophila alpestris*). Casual.

Recorded once in a drift trap.

Violet-green swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina lepida*). Summer resident—1.

This swallow arrives around March 1 and leaves by early October. It nests in woodpecker holes in blue oaks and digger pines.

Tree swallow (*Iridoprocne bicolor*). Migrant.

J. T. Wright considered tree swallows to be resident in 1937. None has been observed since 1951.

Rough-winged swallow

(*Stelgidopteryx ruficollis*). Casual.

One was observed April 26, 1953.

Barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica erythrogaster*).

Summer resident—3.

A nest was found in a culvert under the main road July 5, 1952.

Cliff swallow (*Petrochelidon albifrons*).

Summer resident—3.

One was observed May 13, 1953. A pair successfully nested in a tile vent of headquarters building in May 1958. Also observed May 11, 1961 by Robert F. Buttery.

Purple martin (*Progne subis*). Casual.

A flock was recorded on May 22, 1948.

Steller's jay (*Cyanocitta stelleri*).¹

Sporadic winter visitant.

One seen for two days in the winter of 1966 by Don A. Duncan. One seen October 29, 1972 by Frank S. Starkey. One seen December 2, 1972 by Thomas F. Newman and Don A. Duncan. Three seen December 3, 1972 by Duncan in Range Unit 9. Multiple sightings during December 1972 in Range Units 2, 9, and 10. Last recorded sighting of these overwintering birds was on April 20, 1973 by Bill Webb and Thomas F. Newman in Range Unit 9.

Scrub jay (*Alphelocoma coerulescens superciliosa*). Permanent resident—1.

These birds are perhaps the most commonly seen

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¹New species recorded since 1955.

birds on the Experimental Range. Young birds have been found in the nest as early as March 31, in 1952. Arlene Wilkinson² has described the nesting activity of scrub jays.

Common raven (*Corvus corax*).
Permanent resident—2.

First two sightings were on April 21, 1952 and April 1, 1953. Pairs and singles have been seen on many occasions 1965 to 1972.

Clark's nutcracker (*Nucifraga columbiana*). Casual.

One observed during the period September 15 to October 28, 1950. Conditions in the high country brought many unusual records of this species over California during that year.

Plain titmouse (*Parus i. inornatus*).
Permanent resident—1.

The titmouse is a common species in blue oaks, but it is rarely heard calling after nesting starts in March.

Common bushtit (*Psaltriparus minimus californicus*). Permanent resident—1.

Most commonly seen in association with evergreen plant species such as Ceanothus and live oaks.

White-breasted nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis aculeata*). Permanent resident—2.

This bird has essentially the same ecological requirements as the titmouse.

Brown creeper (*Certhia familiaris zelotes*).
Permanent resident—3.

Several have been recorded: November 30, 1951; January 15, and February 5, 1952; December 5 to April 18, 1953.

Wrentit (*Chamaea fasciata henshawi*).
Permanent resident—3.

Nesting status uncertain. A specimen was collected March 31, 1937.

House wren (*Troglodytes aedon parkmanii*).
Summer resident—3.

Presence of a few house wrens in May and June in suitable breeding area suggests that breeding does occur.

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Bewick's wren (*Thryomanes bewickii drymoecus*). Permanent resident—2.

Regularly found in the brush areas of the Range.

Canyon wren (*Catherpes mexicanus conspersus*). Permanent resident—2.
Found commonly in the rocky canyons.

Rock wren (*Salpinctes o. obsoletus*).
Winter resident—2.
Seen occasionally in winter.

Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos leucopterus*).
Winter resident—3.

About 10 individuals were present around headquarters during the period October 1952 to March 1953, but the mockingbird is rare over most of the Experimental Range. The numbers around headquarters have declined.

California thrasher (*Toxostoma r. redivivum*).
Permanent residents—2.

This secretive species is heard singing commonly in February and March in brushy areas. One observed October 20, 1964 by Crystal A. Burns and Juanita Anderson. Arlene Wilkinson² reported one on February 15, 1953.

Robin (*Turdus migratorius propinquus*).
Winter resident—2.

Generally arrives in late December and leaves in early April, but the actual dates may be 1 to 2 months earlier or later.

Varied thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*).
Sporadic winter visitant.

One was recorded December 31, 1951. Many seen during December 1972 by Don A. Duncan and Thomas F. Newman.

Hermit thrush (*Hylocichla guttata*). Migrant.

Seen between January 22 and April 18, 1952, but was not present the following year. Seen February 10, 1957 and January 19, 1958 by Robert F. Buttery. One taken away from a Cooper's hawk December 28, 1972.

Swainson's thrush (*Hylocichla u. ustulata*). Status undetermined.

One was recorded May 31, 1953.

Western bluebird (*Sialia mexicana occidentalis*). Permanent resident—3.

Nests in holes in blue oaks. In winter, flocks of 10 to 20 individuals are common.

Mountain bluebird

(*Sialia currucoides*). Sporadic.

One was collected from a flock of six on December 31, 1951. Don A. Duncan saw a flock of four April 25, 1971.

Blue-gray gnatcatcher (*Polioptila caerulea amoenissima*). Summer resident—2.

Recorded only in the natural area and in April and May.

Ruby-crowned kinglet (*Regulus calendula cineraceus*). Winter resident—2.

The kinglet is seen commonly in winter, feeding in the foliage of oaks.

Water pipit (*Anthus spinoletta*). Casual.

Two have been recorded; April 9, 1937, and March 30, 1952.

Cedar waxwing

(*Bombycilla cedrorum*). Casual winter visitant.

Small flocks are occasionally seen between October and May.

Phainopepla (*Phainopepla nitens lepida*).

Summer resident—2

Generally arrives in May and leaves in late fall. Nesting is underway by June 1. Commonly seen during the spring and summer. Thomas F. Newman saw a male in Range Unit 8 on November 11, 1972. Early arrival observed February 14, 1957 in headquarters area by Robert F. Buttery.

Loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus gambeli*). Permanent resident—3.

Nesting status uncertain. The shrike is recorded occasionally in the open areas. One observed January 10, 1957 by Robert F. Buttery and May 10, 1973 by Don A. Duncan.

Starling

(*Sturnus vulgaris*).¹ Permanent resident—3.

Don A. Duncan reports a few were present in the late 1960's, by 1970 there were several nesting pairs

on the Experimental Range. Numbers seem to be increasing substantially.

Solitary vireo (*Vireo solitarius*). Migrant.

One was seen April 18, 1952.

Warbling vireo (*Vireo gilvus*). Casual.

Two were recorded: April 18 and May 15, 1952.

Orange-crowned warbler

(*Vermivora celata*). Casual.

One was seen April 18, 1952.

Nashville warbler

(*Vermivora ruficapilla*). Migrant.

Two were recorded: April 18 and September 5, 1952.

Yellow warbler

(*Dendroica petechia*). Migrant.

Heard regularly between April 20 and June 4.

Myrtle warbler

(*Dendroica coronata*). Migrant.

One was collected on March 2, 1937.

Audubon's warbler

(*Dendroica a. auduboni*). Winter resident—1.

This warbler is present in numbers from October to May.

Black-throated gray warbler

(*Dendroica nigrescens*). Migrant.

Several were seen in April 1952.

Townsend's warbler

(*Dendroica townsendi*). Migrant.

Several were seen in April and May, 1951.

Hermit warbler

(*Dendroica occidentalis*). Migrant.

One was recorded April 23, 1952.

Yellow-throat

(*Geothlypis trichas*). Vagrant.

One was collected April 7, 1952.

Yellow-breasted chat

(*Icterus virens auricollis*). Migrant.

One was collected May 10, 1937.

Wilson's warbler

(*Wilsonia pusilla chryseola*). Migrant.

Four individuals were seen on April 30, 1952.

¹New species recorded since 1955.

Robert F. Buttery reported two on September 15, 1958. One female seen at headquarters by Don A. Duncan and Jack N. Reppert, September 16, 1960. One male seen at headquarters on September 11, 1972.

House sparrow

(*Passer d. domesticus*). Permanent resident--2.

A few individuals are resident around headquarters. In spring 1953, house sparrows nesting in woodpecker holes in blue oaks increased noticeably, a possible result of woodpecker control in that area the previous season. Starlings may be competing for available nesting holes; house sparrow numbers down; starlings, up.

Western meadowlark

(*Sturnella neglecta*). Permanent resident--2.

Abundant in winter but nests sparingly in summer.

Red-winged blackbird

(*Agelaius phoeniceus*). Summer resident--2.

Arrives in late February and leaves in September. Most of red-winged blackbirds are found in swale near headquarters.

Bullock's oriole

(*Icterus bullockii*). Summer resident-1.

The oriole arrives in April and it leaves by mid-August. It nests in blue oaks.

Brewer's blackbird

(*Euphagus cyanocephalus*). Permanent resident--2.

Most abundant in the headquarters area, where breeding activity starts in March. Nests are found in mistletoe, blue oaks, and in vines on various buildings during April and May.

Brown-headed cowbird

(*Molothrus ater*). Summer resident--3.

Occasional individuals are heard calling from February to June.

Western tanager

(*Piranaga ludoviciana*). Casual.

Observed May 15, July 31, and September 16, 1952.

Black-headed grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus maculatus*). Summer resident--3.

Recorded between April 10 and August 8, 1952. Stanely E. Westfall and Thomas F. Newman saw two

females in a buckeye in the headquarters area on August 8, 1973.

Lazuli bunting

(*Passerina amoena*). Casual.

Recorded on April 18, 1952.

Purple finch (*Carpodacus purpureus californicus*). Winter resident--3.

Seen occasionally during the winter of 1951-52. Reported February 16, 1958 by Robert F. Buttery. Arlene Wilkinson² recorded a few from March 15 to April 19, 1953.

House finch (*Carpodacus mexicanus frontalis*). Permanent resident-2.

The linnet is found mainly in the inhabited area of the Range where it nests from May to July.

Pine siskin (*Spinus pinus*). Casual.

One flock was observed in May 1952.

Lesser goldfinch

(*Spinus psaltria*). Casual.

Three were collected March 18, 1937. One observed in headquarters area on February 15, 1957 by Robert F. Buttery. Two seen May 2, 1953. Several flocks sighted during December 1972.

Lawrence's goldfinch

(*Spinus lawrencei*). Permanent resident--3.

Occasional groups of these birds are seen over the Range.

Green-tailed towhee

(*Chlorura chlorura*). Casual.

One was collected April 29, 1937.

Rufous-sided towhee

(*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*). Winter resident--1.

Arrives in late September and leaves in early April.

Brown towhee

(*Pipilo fescus carolae*). Permanent resident--1.

In 1952 nest building began in early April. Arlene Wilkinson² reported nesting in March 1953.

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Savannah sparrow (*Passervulus sandwichensis nevadensis*). Vagrant.

One was collected May 13, 1937, and another October 21, 1952. One recorded by Wilkinson² on December 14, 1953.

Vesper sparrow

(*Poocetes gramineus*). Casual.

One was collected October 12, 1951.

Lark sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus strigatus, strigatus*). Permanent resident—2.

Sparingly resident over the Range.

Rufous-crowned sparrow

(*Aimophila r. ruficeps*). Permanent resident—3.

Noted only on the walls of the big canyon below headquarters. J. T. Wright believed their distribution dependent on the deer weed (*Lotus scoparius*). But Arlene Wilkinson² observed them foraging in grassy areas, in 1953.

Slate-colored junco

(*Junco hyemalis*). Casual.

One was seen December 31, 1951.

Oregon junco

(*Junco oreganus thurberi*). Winter resident—1.

This junco arrives in mid-October and it leaves in April.

Chipping sparrow

(*Spizella passerina arizonae*). Migrant.

Has been recorded in April, May, September, and October in small numbers.

Gambel white-crowned sparrow

(*Zonotrichia leucophrys gambeli*).

Winter resident—1.

Arrives in late September and leaves in late April. Mixed flocks of this species with golden-crowned sparrows and Oregon juncos are a common sight in winter.

Golden-crowned sparrow

(*Zonotrichia antricapilla*). Winter resident—1.

The golden-crowned sparrow arrives about a week later than the white-crowned but departs about the same time.

Lincoln's sparrow

(*Melospiza lincolni*). Winter resident—3.

A few are present along the swales from early October to April.

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DETAIL SOIL SURVEY
OF THE
SAN JOAQUIN EXPERIMENTAL RANGE

INTRODUCTION

On April 12, 1965, field operations were initiated for a detail soil survey of the San Joaquin Experimental Range (SJER) at O'Neals, California. The survey is being conducted under the direction of the U.S.D.A., Soil Conservation Service, with cooperation and assistance from the U.S.D.A., Forest Service. The soil survey party consisted of Kan Kim Chang, Party Chief, SCS Fresno; Vernon Webb, SCS Fresno; and Griffith Jones, SCS Madera.

The survey area covers the complete San Joaquin Experimental Range (SJER), comprising some 4,514 acres. It is located within the woodland annual grass vegetation type in the Sierra Nevada foothills on the east side of the San Joaquin Valley and approximately 25 miles (airline) north of Fresno. Elevation of the experimental area is from about 700 to 1700 feet above sea level. Additional information on location and functions of the SJER can be found in Bentley and et al (1) and Hutchinson and et al (4). A thorough check list of plants of the SJER can be found in Buttery and et al (3).

Two other soil survey reports were made in the SJER area. The oldest, Soil Survey of the San Joaquin Experimental Range by R. E. Storie (9) and party was done in 1939. In this report, soil descriptions were given for each soil series, however, they were not described in sufficient detail to meet present day standards and the depth classes overlapped between soil mapping units. The most recent, Soil Survey of Madera Area California survey (8) was made in 1951. In this survey, less detail was mapped since aerial photographs at a 1:20,000 scale were used as compared to 1:7920 scale photograph used in this survey. At the SJER an intensified range research program is being followed, therefore, a more detailed soil survey at greater intensity was requested.

The Vista soil series mentioned in the soil survey report by R. E. Storie and party (9) and in the Madera soil survey report (8) was not mapped in this survey. In accordance with the new system of soil classification (7), the soil survey party concluded that the characteristics of the soil profile, particularly the surface horizon, met the requirements of the Ahwahnee soils rather than the Vista soils.

The Fallbrook series mentioned in the soil survey report by R. E. Storie and party (9) was not mapped in this survey. Most of the Fallbrook soils mapped by Storie and party showed a slightly redder, color (7.5 YR) with no substantial clay increase in the subsoil. These bodies usually of small acreage were included in the Ahwahnee soils.

Each mapping unit delineated is identified by symbols expressing the kind of soil and slope class. Additional symbols were used to indicate significant depth, rockiness and drainage conditions.

Aerial photograph coverage was obtained by the Forest Service for the area. These photographs are contact prints at an approximate scale of 1:7920 (8 inches to the mile). The original field sheets of the soil survey are on file at San Joaquin Experimental Range, O'Neals Calif.

The procedures and methods used in this soil survey were taken from the soil survey staff (5) and (6) and the new system of soil classification used in this report was proposed by the soil survey staff (7).

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Amd-B	Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 0 to 5% slopes	15.2	7
Amd-C	Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15% slopes	834.9	5
Amd-D	Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 15 to 30% slopes	1756.2	7
Amd-E	Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 30 to 50% slopes	126.3	7
Ad-B	Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, deep, 0 to 5% slopes	13.0	7
Ad-C	Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, deep 5 to 15% slopes	4.0	7
Ad-D	Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, deep, 15 to 30% slopes	6.0	8
As-C	Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, shallow, 5 to 15% slopes	35.3	9
As-D	Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, shallow, 15 to 30% slopes	302.2	8
As-E	Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, shallow, 30 to 50% slopes	33.0	9
Avs-E/R3	Ahwahnee extremely rocky coarse sandy loam, very shallow, 30 to 50% slopes	44.0	9
Amd-D/R1	Ahwahnee rocky coarse sandy loam, 15 to 30% slopes	283.1	9
Amd-E/R1	Ahwahnee rocky coarse sandy loam, 30 to 50% slopes	111.5	9
As-D/R1	Ahwahnee rocky coarse sandy loam, shallow, 15 to 30% slopes	347.2	9
As-E/R1	Ahwahnee rocky coarse sandy loam, shallow, 30 to 50% slopes	221.2	9
Amd-D/R2	Ahwahnee very rocky coarse sandy loam, 15 to 30% slopes	24.5	10

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<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Page</u>
As-D/R2	Ahwahnee very rocky coarse sandy loam, shallow, 15 to 30% slopes	95.9	10
As-E/R2	Ahwahnee very rocky coarse sandy loam, shallow, 30 to 50% slopes	75.3	10
Ca-B	Chualar loam, 0 to 5% slopes	3.9	11
RL	Granitic rock land	13.2	13
Ba-B	Hanford coarse sandy loam, 0 to 5% slopes	19.4	15
Ba-C	Hanford coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15% slopes	98.9	14
Ba-B/W	Visalia coarse sandy loam, 0 to 5% slopes	39.6	17
Ba-C/W	Visalia coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15% slopes	<u>10.2</u>	<u>16</u>
	TOTAL -----	4514.0	

DESCRIPTIVE LEGEND

AHWAHNEE SERIES

The AHWAHNEE series consists of Mollic Haplustalfs, members of a coarse loamy, mixed, thermic family. The AHWAHNEE series comprise roughly 95.9 percent of the San Joaquin Experimental Range.

Characteristically the A horizons have grayish brown to brown, slightly acid, massive breaking to blocky structures, and low (less than 1%) organic matter contents. The B horizons, are lower in organic matter content, are brown, medium acid, coarse sandy loams which has a slightly higher clay content and a weak blocky structure. The C horizons consists of varied colored weathered quartz-diorite that grades into unweathered rock at variable depths. About 73 percent of the AHWAHNEE soils in this area have soil depths to weathered quartz-diorite material ranging from 24 to 36 inches and about 0.5 percent, have depths greater than 36 inches. About 25.5 percent are shallow and have soil depths ranging from 10 to 24 inches and about 1 percent have depths less than 10 inches.

The climate is Mediterranean, mild, wet winters with hot, dry summers. The average annual precipitation is about 20 inches. The mean January temperature is about 42°F and the mean July temperatures is about 81°F. The mean annual temperature is about 60°F.

The AHWAHNEE soils are developed from intrusive acid igneous rocks, usually quartz diorite or granodiorite.

The AHWAHNEE soils range in elevation from about 850 to 1700 feet. They occur on gently undulating to very steep ridges and hills. These soils are somewhat excessively to excessively drained, depending on slope. The permeability is moderately rapid to rapid; runoff is slow to medium depending on slope. The available water-holding capacity is very low to low depending on depth.

The natural vegetation is annual grasses, forbs, trees, and shrubs. Some typical grass species are soft chess, ripgut brome, slender wild oaks, foxtail fescue, red brome and Australian brome. Typical forb species are broadleaf filaree, redstem filaree, littlehead clover, Spanish clover, common catchfly, popcorn flower, bicolor lupine, fidleneck, dotseed platnain, goldfields, smooth catsear, downy Navarretia, and spineflower. Common tree species are blue oak, interior live oak, and diger pine. Typical shrub species are Ceanothus spp., and poison oak.

The AHWAHNEE soils, as mapped, include bodies of other soils too small to delineate separately. Up to about 2% of the area consists of soils with reddish brown sandy clay loam subsoils, 1% with dark brown sandy clay subsoils and 2% rock outcrops.

Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam 5 to 15 percent slopes. This is one of the largest mapping units of the Ahwahnee soils. Most of this unit is located on both sides of the entrance road from State Highway 41 to the San Joaquin Experimental Range Headquarter's building.

The following description of a representative profile was taken on an easterly slope of 8% under a cover of annual grasses (soft chess, Fescue, and ripgut brome), forbs (broadleaf filaree and Spanish clover), shrubs (Ceanothus spp.) and trees (blue oak and interior live oak and digger pine). The elevation is about 1100'. It lies about 1-1/4 (airline) miles west of the San Joaquin Experimental Range Headquarter's building and located in the SW-1/4 of NE-1/4 of NW-1/4 of Sec. 1, T. 10S., R. 20E., M.D.B. & M.

- O1 1/4-0" Loose organic litter of grasses and forbs.
- A11 0-5" Grayish brown (10YR 5/2) coarse sandy loam, very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) when moist; massive breaking to a weak subangular blocky structure; slightly hard, friable nonsticky, nonplastic; few fine roots; common micro and very fine tubular and common very fine interstitial pores; slightly acid (pH 6.5); clear wavy boundary. 4 to 6 inches thick.
- A12 5-20" Brown (10YR 5/3) coarse sandy loam, dark brown (10YR 3/3) when moist; massive to weak medium angular blocky structure; slightly hard, friable, nonplastic, nonsticky; plentiful micro and very few fine tabular and common micro interstitial pores; slightly acid (pH.6) abrupt smooth boundary. 10 to 18 inches thick.
- B2t 20-26" Brown (10YR 5/3) coarse sandy loam, brown (7.5YR 4/4) when moist; weak medium subangular blocky structure; hard, firm slightly sticky and nonplastic; few micro and very fine roots; few very fine tubular and many micro interstitial pores; few thin clay films in pores and as bridging and grain coatings; medium acid (pH 6.0; abrupt smooth boundary. 5 to 10 inches thick.
- C 26"+ Varied colored weathered quartz-diorite, glassy, colorless quartz grains, whitish to yellowish brown feldspar grains, and scattered black to dark yellowish brown fragments of biotite and other dark minerals; granitic rock fabric clearly visible in place; detached fragments crush readily to a loose loamy coarse sand; grades to unweathered rock at variable depths.

Variations:

The A horizons have colors predominantly of hue 10YR with values of 5 and 4 and chromas of 2 and 3. Moist colors are of similar hue with values and chromas of 3 and 2. Structure is predominantly massive breaking to a weak subangular blocky and weak medium granular structure under oak trees with dense grass-forb vegetation cover. The organic matter ranges from 1 to 2 in the top 0-4" and from 0.4 to 0.6% in the 8-12" depth. The clay content ranges from 3 to 8% with an average of 6%. The reaction ranges from slightly to medium acid (pH 6.5-6.0). The B horizons have hues ranging from 10YR to 7.5YR with

value of 5 and chroma of 3. Moist colors are of similar hue with values of 5 and 4 and chromas of 3. Structures are predominantly weak medium subangular blocky. Reaction ranges from medium (pH 6.0) to slightly acid (pH 6.8), and is usually more acid than the A horizons. Clay content ranges from 7 to 16% with an average content of 11%. The C horizon is strongly weathered acid igneous rock which is pervious to some moisture but not to roots. Depth of soil to the C horizon usually ranges from about 24 to 36 inches, but deeper in places. Occasional rock outcrops are scattered throughout this unit.

Drainage is somewhat excessive, runoff is medium and erosion hazard is slight.

Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes. The soils of this unit are similar to those of Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes. This unit differs in occupying less steeper slopes. Drainage is somewhat excessive, runoff is slow, and erosion hazard is slight. The largest body of this mapping unit is located near the wood exposure plots.

Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 15 to 30 percent slopes. This unit differs from Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes, only in having somewhat steeper slopes and a hilly rather than a rolling surface relief. Drainage is somewhat excessive, runoff is medium and erosion hazard is moderate.

Bodies of this unit are located throughout the survey area.

Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 30 to 50 percent slopes. This soil is similar to Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 15 to 30 percent slopes but differs in having somewhat steeper slopes and a steep rather than a hilly surface relief. Drainage is excessive, runoff is medium and erosion hazard is moderate to high.

Large bodies of this unit are located in the north westerly section of the Range.

Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, deep, 0 to 5 percent slopes. This soil is similar to Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes but differ in having gentler surface slopes and deeper solum. The solum ranges in thickness from about 36 to 48 inches. Drainage is somewhat excessive, runoff is slow and erosion hazard is slight.

Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, deep, 5 to 15 percent slopes. This soil is similar to Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes, the unit differing only in having deeper solum. Drainage is somewhat excessive, runoff is slow to medium and erosion hazard is slight to moderate.

Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, deep, 15 to 30 percent slopes. The steeper slopes and thicker solum of this unit distinguish it from Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes. Drainage is somewhat excessive, runoff is medium and erosion hazard is moderate.

Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, shallow, 15 to 30 percent slopes. This is one of the largest units of the shallow phase of the Ahwahnee soils. Most of this unit occurs in the W-1/2 of Sec. 31. T. 9 S., R 21 E., M.D.B. & M.

The following description of a representative profile was taken on a north northeasterly slope of 17%, under a cover of annual grasses (red brome and soft chess), and forbs (dot seed plantain, goldfield, smooth catsear, downy navarretia, and spineflower). The elevation is about 1100 feet. It lies about 50 yards southeast of the main corral gate and located in the SW-1/4. of NW-1/4 of NE-1/4 of Sec. 1, T. 10 S., R. 20 E., M.D.B. & M.

- O1 1/2-0" Loose organic litter of grasses and forbs.
- A11 0-5" Grayish brown (10YR 5/2) coarse sandy loam, very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) when moist; massive; slightly hard, friable, nonsticky, nonplastic; abundant micro and plentiful fine roots; common micro tubular pores; neutral (pH 7.0); abrupt boundary. 4 to 6 inches thick.
- A12 5-12" Grayish brown (10YR 5/2) coarse sandy loam, very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) when moist; massive breaking to weak medium angular blocky structures; slightly hard, friable nonsticky, nonplastic; abundant micro and few fine roots; common micro and few fine tubular and many micro interstitial pores; slightly acid (pH 6.5); clear smooth boundary. 6 to 8 inches thick.
- B2t 12-20" Brown (10YR 5/3) coarse sandy loam, dark brown (10YR 3/3), when moist; weak medium subangular blocky structure; hard, friable, slightly sticky, nonplastic; few micro roots; few micro tubular and common micro interstitial pores; few thin clay films in pores and as bridging and coating of grains; medium acid (pH 6.0); abrupt wavy boundary. 8 to 10 inches thick.
- C 20" Varied colored weathered quartz-diorite, grades to unweathered tock at variable depths.

Variation: The colors, structures reactions and organic matter percentage of the A and B horizons have similar variations as to the Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes. The A horizons ranges in clay content from 3 to 7% with an average of 5%. The B horizon averaged 9% clay content with a range of 7 to 12%. The

weathered C horizon vary in depth to unweathered rock from 3 to 10 feet. Depth of soil to the C horizon usually ranges from 18 to 24 inches but pockets of 30 inch depth are included in places. Rock outcrops too small to delineate are included in this unit.

Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, shallow, 5 to 15 percent slopes.

This soil is similar to Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, shallow, 15 to 30 percent slopes but differs in having gentler slopes and rolling rather than hilly surface relief. Drainage is somewhat excessive, runoff is medium, and erosion hazard is moderate.

Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, shallow, 30 to 50 percent slopes.

This soil is similar to Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, shallow, 15 to 30 percent slopes but differ in having steeper slopes and having steep rather than hilly surface relief. Drainage is excessive, runoff is medium and erosion hazard is moderate to high.

Ahwahnee extremely rocky coarse sandy loam, very shallow, 30 to 50 percent slopes.

This soil is similar to Ahwahnee very rocky coarse sandy loam, 30 to 50 percent slopes but differs only in having shallower depths and having rock outcrops occupying more than 50 percent of the surface area of a given body. The solum thickness ranges from 6 to 10 inches with inclusions of deeper depths. Rock outcrops range from 57 to 81 percent with an average of 69 percent. Drainage is excessive, runoff is medium and erosion hazard is high.

Body of this unit is located in the south boundary of the Range.

Ahwahnee rocky coarse sandy loam, 15 to 30 percent slopes.

This soil is similar to Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 15 to 30 percent slopes, the unit differs only having rock outcrops occupying from 10 to 25 percent of the surface area of a given body. Drainage is somewhat excessive, runoff is medium, and the erosion hazard is moderate.

Ahwahnee rocky coarse sandy loam, 30 to 50 percent slopes.

This soil is similar to Ahwahnee rocky coarse sandy loam, 15 to 30 percent slopes but the unit differs in having much steeper slopes and having steep rather than hilly surface relief. Drainage is excessive, runoff is medium and erosion hazard is moderate to high.

Ahwahnee rocky coarse sandy loam, shallow, 15 to 30 percent slopes.

This unit differs from Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, shallow, 15 to 30 percent slopes only in having rock outcrops occupying from 10 to 25 percent of the surface area of a given body. Drainage is somewhat excessive, runoff is medium, and erosion hazard is moderate.

Ahwahnee rocky coarse sandy loam, shallow, 30 to 50 percent slopes.

This unit is similar to Ahwahnee rocky coarse sandy loam, shallow, 15 to 30 percent slopes, differing only in its steeper slopes. It

occupies steep rather than hilly surface relief. Drainage is excessive, runoff is medium and erosion hazard is moderate to high.

Ahwahnee very rocky coarse sandy loam, 15 to 30 percent slopes. This unit differs from Ahwahnee rocky coarse sandy loam, 15 to 30 percent slopes, only in having more rock outcrops occupying from 25 to 50 percent of the surface area of a given body. Drainage is somewhat excessive, runoff is medium, and erosion hazard is moderate.

Ahwahnee very rocky coarse sandy loam, shallow, 15 to 30 percent slopes. The soils of this unit are similar to those of Ahwahnee rocky coarse sandy loam, shallow, 15 to 30 percent slopes. This unit differs in having rock outcrops occupying from 25 to 50 percent of the surface area of a given body. Drainage is somewhat excessive, runoff is medium and erosion hazard is moderate.

Ahwahnee very rocky coarse sandy loam, shallow, 30 to 50 percent slopes. This soil is similar to Ahwahnee rocky coarse sandy loam, shallow, 30 to 50 percent slopes, differing only in having more rock outcrops occupying 25 to 50 percent of the surface area of a given body. Rocky outcrops average 33 percent in this unit. Drainage is excessive, runoff is medium and erosion hazard is moderate to high.

CHUALAR SERIES

The CHUALAR series consists of Mollic Haplustalfs, members of a fine loamy, mixed, thermic family. The CHUALAR series comprise only a small area which consists of about 0.1 percent of the San Joaquin Experimental Range.

Characteristically, the CHUALAR soils have grayish brown, moderately coarse to medium textures, slightly acid to neutral A horizons and gray to brown, moderately fine textured, neutral to mildly alkaline Bt horizons.

The climate is Mediterranean, mild, wet winters with hot, dry summers. The mean annual precipitation is about 20 inches. The mean January temperature is about 42°F and the mean July temperature is about 81°F. The mean annual temperature is about 60°F.

The CHUALAR series are developed from granitic alluvium.

These soils are moderately well drained, runoff is slow, and erosion hazard is none to slight. Permeability is moderately slow. The available water holding capacity is high. They range in elevation from 800 to 1000 feet. They occur in swale bottoms of the Range area. They are often subject to slow seepage from higher lying soils and as a result are moist for a longer period of time.

The natural vegetation is annual grasses, grass-like and forbs. Typical grasses and grass-like species are Mediterranean barley, perennial rush, toad rush and spikerush. Some forb species are whitetip clover and monkey flower. They support late vegetation into the early dry period of the summer.

The Hanford and Visalia soils have similar colors and positions in the landscape, and have formed from similar parent material but lack the finer textured B horizons.

CHUALAR loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes.

This is the only unit of the Chualar soils and occupies about 0.1 percent of the Range area.

The following description of a representative profile was taken in a cover of annual grasses and grass-like (Mediterranean barley, Toad rush, and Spikerush) and forbs (Whitetip clover and Monkey flower) on a north northwesterly slope of 4 percent. The elevation is about 950 feet. It lies about 1/4 mile southwest of the main corral and located in the SW-1/4 of NE-1/4 of Sec. 1, T. 10 S., R. 20 E., M.D.B. & M.

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| O1 | 1-0" | Loose organic litter of grasses and forbs. |
| A1 | 0-4" | Grayish brown (10YR 3/2) when moist; moderate medium subangular blocky structure; slightly hard, friable, |

Chualar Series

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- slightly sticky, slightly plastic, abundant micro and very fine roots; many micro and few very fine tubular pores; slightly acid (pH 6.5); gradual wavy boundary. 4 to 6 inches thick.
- A3 4-14" Dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) light sandy clay loam, very dark gray (10YR 4/1) when moist; weak medium sub-angular blocky structure; hard, firm, sticky, slightly plastic, abundant micro and very fine roots; many micro and few very fine tubular and common micro interstitial pores; few thin clay films in pores; neutral (pH 6.7); clear smooth boundary. 10 to 12 inches thick.
- B2t 14-28" Dark gray (10YR 4/1) heavy sandy clay loam, very dark gray (10YR 3/1) when moist; weak coarse angular blocky structure; very hard, firm, sticky, slightly plastic; plentiful micro roots; common micro tubular pores; common moderately thick clay films in pores and common thin clay films on pad faces; moderately alkaline (pH 8.0); abrupt boundary. 12 to 14 inches thick.
- IIR 28"+ On weathered quartz-diorite of considerable depth.

Variations:

The color of the A horizon is usually of hue 10YR with values of 4 or 5 of chromas of 1 or 2. Moist color is of similar hue with values of 2 or 3 and chromas of 1 or 2. Textures include "gritty" clay loams.

The color of the B horizon is of hue 10YR with values ranging from 4 to 5 and chromas 1 and 2. Moist color is similar hue with values of 2 or 3 and chromas of 1 and 2. Textures include sandy clay loams and "gritty"^{1/} clay loams. Reaction ranges from neutral to moderately alkaline.

^{1/} The term gritty refers to a noticeable percentage of soil particles with diameters between 1 and 2 millimeters.

Granitic rock land

From 50 to 90 percent of the surface area of this land type consists of granitic outcrops mainly of quartz diorite. These areas are generally more than 50 percent slopes. The soils between the outcrops are similar to adjoining bodies of soils derived from the same kind of rocks.

The vegetative cover supported by existing soils, or accumulations of soil materials, ranges from annual grasses and forbs to woodland shrub.

This unit is very limited in extent. Most of this unit is located near the southern property boundary of the Experimental Range.

HANFORD SERIES

The Hanford soils consist of Typic Haplothents, members of a coarse loamy, mixed, nonacid, thermic family. The extent of the Hanford soils is about 2.6 percent of the soil survey area.

Characteristically, the Hanford soils have gray to dark gray, coarse sandy loams to fine sandy loams, massive to weak medium subangular blocky structure and slightly acid to neutral in reaction A horizons. The C horizons are grayish brown to brown, massive, noncalcareous and grading into a lithological discontinuity zone of weathered quartz-diorite which is partially impervious to plant roots and moisture.

The Climate is mediterranean, mild, wet winters with hot dry summers. The mean annual precipitation is about 20 inches. The mean January temperature is about 42°F and the mean July temperature is about 81°F. The mean annual temperature is about 60°F.

The Hanford series are developed from moderately coarse textured granitic alluvium.

These soils are moderately well to well drained, permeability is moderately rapid and runoff is slow to very slow. Erosion hazard is none to slight. They occur in swales throughout the area. They range in elevation from 800 to 1200 feet.

The natural vegetation is annual grasses and forbs. In the Hanford series some typical grass species are ripgut brome, Australian brome, soft chess, slender wild oats, and Fescue. Typical forb species are tarweed, turkey mullein, and popcorn flower.

The Chualar soils occur also in the swale areas and having similar colors but have moderately fine textured Bt horizons.

Hanford coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes

This is the largest unit of the Hanford soils in the survey area.

The following description of a representative profile was taken in a cover of annual grasses (soft chess, ripgut brome, and Australian brome) and forbs (white-tip clover, filaree, and Trifolium spp.) on a south slope of 6 percent. The elevation is 950 feet. It lies about 300 feet southwest of the San Joaquin Experimental Range Headquarter's building and located in the NE-1/4 of the NE-1/4 of the SW-1/4 of Sec. 6, T. 10 S., R. 21 E., M.D.B. & M.

01 1/4-0" Loose organic litter of grasses and forbs.

Hanford Series

- All 0-5" Grayish brown (10YR 5/2) coarse sandy loam, very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2 when moist; massive breaking to weak medium subangular block structure; soft, very friable nonsticky, nonplastic, abundant micro and few fine roots; many micro tubular and few micro interstitial pores; medium acid (pH 5.8); gradual wavy boundary 4 to 6 inches thick.
- Al2 5-15 Grayish brown (10YR 5/2) coarse sandy loam, very dark grayish brown (10YR 3/2) when moist; massive; slightly hard, friable, nonsticky, nonplastic; abundant micro roots; many micro tubular and interstitial pores; slightly acid (pH 6.1); clear smooth boundary 10 to 12 inches thick.
- C 15-55" Light brownish gray (10YR 6/2) coarse sandy loam, dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) when moist; massive; slightly hard, friable, slightly sticky, nonplastic; few micro roots; many micro and very fine tubular and many micro interstitial pores; slightly acid (pH 6.5), abrupt smooth boundary 38-40 inches thick.
- IIR 55"+ Weathered quartz-diorite.

Variations:

The A horizons ranges in color with value of 5 and chromas of 2 and 3. The hue is predominantly 10YR. Moist colors are of similar hue with values of 3 and occasionally 2 and chroma of 2. The structure is usually massive with occasional weak granular and blocky structures. Reaction ranges from slightly acid to neutral. The C horizon have similar hues as above with dry colors of values 5 and 6 and chromas of 2 and 3. Moist colors having values of 3 and 4 and chromas of 2 and 3. Structures are predominantly massive and reaction slightly acid. Depth to the weathered quartz-diorite normally range from 36 to 48 inches.

This unit is subject to seepage from higher lying soils during the rainy season but is moist only for a short period of time.

Drainage is moderately well to well drained, runoff is slow to very slow and erosion hazard is slight.

Hanford coarse sandy loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes

This soil is similar to Hanford coarse sandy loam 5 to 15 percent slopes but differs in having gentler slopes and undulating rather than rolling surface relief. In areas, fine sandy loam surface textures prevails. Drainage is moderately well to well drained, runoff is slow to very slow and erosion hazard is non to slight.

VISALIA SERIES

The VISALIA soils consist of Cumulic Haploxeroll, members of a coarse loamy, mixed, thermic family. The extent of the Visalia soils is about 1.1 percent of the soil survey area.

Characteristically, the Visalia soils have gray to grayish brown, coarse sandy loams, massive and slightly acid to neutral A horizons. The C horizons are grayish brown to light brownish gray, massive, noncalcareous, which grades into a lithological discontinuity zone of weathered quartz-diorite which is partially impervious to plant roots and moisture.

The climate is Mediterranean, mild, wet winters with hot, dry summers. The mean annual precipitation is about 20 inches. The mean January temperature is about 42°F and the mean July temperature is about 81°F. The mean annual temperature is about 60°F.

The VISALIA soils are developed from moderately coarse textured granitic alluvium.

These soils are somewhat poorly drained, permeability is moderately rapid to rapid and runoff is slow to very slow. Erosion hazard is none to slight. They range from elevation from 800 to 1200 feet.

The natural vegetation is annual grasses and forbs. Grass and grass-like species are Mediterranean barley, toad-rush, and spikerush. Typic forb species are whitetip clover and monkey flower.

The Chualar and Hanford soils occur also in the swale areas, but the Chualar soils with similar colors but have moderately fine textured Bt horizons, and the Hanford soils are lighter in color and have less than 1 percent of organic matter in the upper 10 inches of the profile.

Visalia coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes

This is the largest unit of the Visalia soils.

The following description of a representative profile was taken in a cover of annual grasses and grass-like (soft chess, Mediterranean barley, perennial rush, and toad rush) and forbs (whitetip clover, etc.) on a southernly slope of 8 percent. The elevation is 1,000 feet. It lies about 500 feet southwest of the San Joaquin Experimental Range Headquarter's building and located in the SW-1/4 of NE-1/4 of SW-1/4 of Sec. 6, T. 10 S., R. 21 E., M.D.B. & M.

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|----|--------|---|
| O1 | 1/2-0" | Loose organic litter of grasses and forbs. |
| A1 | 0-19" | Gray (10YR 5/1) coarse sandy loam, black (10YR 2/1) |

when moist; massive; hard, friable, nonsticky, nonplastic; abundant micro and few very fine and fine roots; common very fine tubular and common very fine interstitial pores; slightly acid (pH 6.5); gradual smooth boundary 18 to 22 inches thick.

C1 19-68"+ Light brownish gray (10YR 6/2) coarse sandy loam, dark grayish brown (10YR 4/2) when moist; massive; hard, friable, nonsticky, nonplastic; plentiful micro roots; few micro tubular pores; slightly acid (pH 6.5); abrupt smooth boundary.

Variations: The A horizon ranges in color with values of 4 and 5 and chromas of 1 and 2. The hue is predominantly 10YR. Moist colors have similar hue with values of 2 and 3 and chromas of 1 and 2. Structures are predominantly massive and reaction ranges from slightly acid to neutral. The C horizon have similar hue with colors ranges in value of 5 and 6 and chromas of 2 and 3. Moist colors have values of 3 and 4 and chromas of 2 and 3. Depth to the weathered quartz-diorite ranges from 36 inches to 48 inches with occasional deeper depths.

This soil is subject to slow seepage from higher lying soils and as a result, is moist for a longer period. Late green grass during the early periods of summer does occur. Water tables at depths of 3 to 5 feet usually occurs until late May.

Soils are moderately well drained, runoff is medium to rapid depending on wetness of soil profile and erosion hazard is slight.

Visalia coarse sandy loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes.

This soil is similar to Visalia coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes but differ in having gentler slopes, and undulating rather than rolling surface relief. Drainage is imperfectly drained, runoff is medium to rapid depending on wetness of soil profile and erosion hazard is none.

LAND CAPABILITY CLASSIFICATION LEGEND

Symbol

III e 3

Class Subclass Unit Number

Descriptions of Capability Class:

Class I

Soils in Class I have few or no limitations or hazards. They may be used safely for cultivated crops, pasture, range, woodland, or wildlife.

Class II

Soils in Class II have few limitations or hazards. Simple conservation practices are needed when cultivated. They are suited to cultivated crops, pasture, range, woodland, or wildlife.

Class III

Soils in Class III have more limitations and hazards than those in Class II. They require more difficult or complex conservation practices when cultivated. They are suited to cultivated crops, pasture, range, woodland, or wildlife.

Class IV

Soils in Class IV have greater limitations and hazards than Class III. Still more difficult or complex measures are needed when cultivated. They are suited to cultivated crops, pasture, range, woodland, or wildlife.

Class V

Soils in Class V have little or no erosion hazard but have other limitations that prevent normal tillage for cultivated crops. They are suited to pasture, range, woodland, or wildlife.

Class VI

Soils in Class VI have severe limitations or hazards that make them generally unsuited for cultivation. They are suited largely to pasture, range, woodland, or wildlife.

Class VII

Soils in Class VII have very severe limitations or hazards that make them generally unsuited for cultivation. They are suited to grazing, woodland, or wildlife.

Class VIII

Soils and land forms in Class VIII have limitations and hazards that prevent their use for cultivated crops, pasture, range, or woodland. They may be used for recreation, wildlife, or water supply.

Description of Subclass:

- e: Shows water erosion hazard as the most serious problem. Slope is the main type; or stream overflow damage.
- w: Shows wetness of soil as the most serious continuing problem. May be caused by high water table, seepage, ponding.
- s: Shows that some characteristic of the soil itself is the most serious problem. Such features are: shallow effective depth, heavy or coarse texture, stoniness, plant nutrient deficiencies.

Often two or more limitations apply equally to an area. Where this is so, the first factor on the list is shown as the governing one.

Description of Unit Numbers:

- 1- Erosion or slope, or both. Used to indicate a problem resulting from past erosion or a problem of erosion hazard.
- 2- Drainage problems including overflow to the extent that they are assumed to be continuing problems.
- 3- Soils with limitations because of slow and very slow subsoil and substratum permeability. Includes conditions such as soils with claypans and semiconsolidated substrata. Subsoils and substrata yield significant amounts of water for plant growth. Internal drainage is slow.
- 4- Coarse textured and gravelly soils that have low water holding capacity.
- 7- Cobbly, rocky or stony conditions that interfere with cultivation. Available water capacity is not significantly reduced.
- 8- Soils with root zone limitations (usually within 36" for Class VI and 2-" for Class VII) due to relatively impermeable hardpans, massive bedrock and other layers that do not provide appreciable moisture for plant growth.

LAND CAPABILITY CLASSIFICATION

Capability Units IIw2

These imperfectly drained soils are on low recent alluvial fans. These soils are not more than 5 feet deep. Permeability ranges from moderate to moderately rapid.

These soils developed under natural conditions of very slow to slow runoff and a high ground water level. A hazard of a seasonal high water table caused by seepage of water from higher areas does occur.

Ba-B/W	Visalia coarse sandy loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes
Ba-C/W	Visalia coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes
Ca-B	Chualar loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes.

Capability Unit IIs3

The soils in this unit occupy the nearly level to gently sloping recent alluvial fans. They are underlain, at a depth of more than 3 feet, by an unrelated weathered quartz-diorite. In texture, they are predominantly moderately coarse textured.

Ba-B	Hanford coarse sandy loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes
Ba-C	Hanford coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes

Capability Unit IIIe8

This land consists of upland soils on slopes of 0 to 5 percent. This soil is 20 to 48 inches deep over weathered quartz-diorite material. Surface and sub-surface textures are coarse sandy loam; subsoil permeability varies from moderately rapid to rapid, available water holding capacity ranges from 4 to 6 inches. These soils tend to be less erosive on slopes of 0 to 5 percent.

Amd-B	Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes
Ad-B	Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, deep, 0 to 5 percent slopes

Capability Unit IVe4

This unit consists of shallow, somewhat excessively drained upland soils on slopes ranging from 5 to 15 percent. They are 20 inches in depth to the weathered quartz-diorite material. They consist of moderately coarse textures and water holding capacity of about 2.5 inches for the soil profile.

As-C	Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, shallow, 5 to 15 percent slopes.
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Capability Units

Capability Unit IVe8

The soils of this unit are on slopes 5 to 15 percent. The soils are 20 to 48 inches over weathered quartz-diorite. Surface and subsurface textures are coarse sandy loam; subsoil permeability is moderately rapid to rapid and available water holding capacity is from 4 to 6 inches.

- Ad-C Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, deep, 5 to 15 percent slopes
- Amd-C Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes.

Capability Unit VIe1

The soils in this unit are over 24 inches deep to weathered quartz-diorite material. They have coarse sandy loam surface and subsurface textures. They are somewhat excessively drained and occur on slopes ranging from 15 to 30 percent.

- Ad-D Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, deep, 15 to 30 percent slopes
- Amd-D Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, deep, 15 to 30 percent slopes.

Capability Unit VIe41

The soil of this unit have coarse sandy loam textures, 10 to 20 inches deep over weathered quartz-diorite material. The soil is somewhat excessively drained and slopes of 15 to 30 percent.

- As-D Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, shallow, 15 to 30 percent slopes.

Capability Unit VIsl

The soil of this unit is over 24 inches deep to weathered granitic material. They have coarse sandy loam surface and subsurface textures. They occur in slopes of 15 to 30 percent with rock outcrops occupying from 10 to 25 percent of the surface area of a given body.

- Amd-D/RI Ahwahnee rocky coarse sandy loam, 15 to 30 percent slopes.

Capability Unit VIsl41

The soil in this unit is 10 to 20 inches deep to weathered granitic material. They have coarse sandy loams surface and subsurface texture with rock outcrops occupying from 10 to 25 percent of the surface area of a given body. The soil ranges in slope from 15 to 30 percent.

- As-D/RI Ahwahnee rocky coarse sandy loam, shallow, 15 to 30 percent slopes.

Capability Units

Capability Unit VIIe1

The soil in this unit is over 24 inches deep to weathered granitic material. They are coarse sandy loam throughout and occur on slopes over 30 percent.

Amd-E Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 30 to 50 percent slopes

Capability Unit VIIe4

The soil in this unit have coarse sandy loam textures, 10 to 20 inches deep over weathered granitic material. The soil is excessively drained and has slopes over 30 percent.

As-E Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, shallow, 30 to 50 percent slopes.

Capability Unit VIIs1

The soil in this unit is more than 24 inches deep to weathered quartz-diorite material. This soil has rock outcrops that occupy from 10 to 25 percent of the surface area of a given body. They are excessively drained and erosion hazard is moderate to high.

Amd-E/R1 Ahwahnee rocky coarse sandy loam, 30 to 50 percent slopes

Capability Unit VIIs41

The soil in this unit consists of coarse sandy loam textures, less than 20 inches deep to weathered granitic material and have rock outcrops occupying 10 to 25 percent of surface area in a given body. The available water holding capacity is less than 2 inches.

As-E/R1 Ahwahnee rocky coarse sandy loam, shallow, 30 to 50 percent slopes.

Capability Unit VIIs7

The soils in this unit are extremely rocky with rock outcrops occupying 25 to 50 percent of the surface area of a given body and having moderately coarse texture. They vary in depths from 6 to 36 inches and slopes ranging from 15 to 50 percent.

Amd-D/R2 Ahwahnee very rocky sandy loam, 15 to 30 percent slopes

As-D/R2 Ahwahnee very rocky coarse sandy loam, shallow, 15 to 30 percent slopes.

As-E/Rs Ahwahnee very rocky coarse sandy loam, shallow, 30 to 50 percent slopes.

Avs-E/R3 Ahwahnee extremely rocky coarse sandy loam very shallow, 30 to 50 percent slopes.

Capability Units

Capability Unit VIIIsl

The soils between exposed rocks are coarse sandy loams that are less than 10 inches deep to weathered granite. They occur on slopes steeper than 51 percent and have rock outcrops occupying more than 50 percent of the surface area of a given body.

RL Granitic rockland

LABORATORY ANALYSIS

Mechanical Analysis of Soil Samples

The procedure in the test was taken from Bouyoucos (2). A composite sample of the A horizons and Bt horizon was taken at random at various places on the range.

Soil	Depth (inches)	Sand (%) (2 to 0.05mm)	Silt (%) (0.05 to 0.002)	Clay (%) <0.002
Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, (mod. deep)	0-11	77	15	8
	11-33	71	13	16
Ditto	0-12	77	16	7
	12-24	79	12	9
Ditto	0-16	79	15	6
	16-30	73	12	15
Ditto	0-5	77	18	5
	5-12	71	20	9
Ditto	0-17	77	17	6
	17-32	73	17	10
Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, (shallow)	0-10	77	16	7
	10-22	75	13	12
Ditto	0-8	85	12	3
	8-18	81	12	7

SOIL ANALYSES
Soil Morphology Laboratory
University of California Davis
Oct., 1965

Horizon (1)	Depth (2)	Sand (3)	Silt (3)	Clay (3)	FAP (4)	CEC (5)	BS (6)	pH (7)	O. C. (8)	C/N (9)	P (10)
Ahwahnee coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes SW-1/4 NE-1/4 NW-1/4 Sec. 1 T10S, R20E											
Al1	0-5	81.6	9.4	9.0	2.2	7.0	59	6.4	.886	10	10.0
Al2	5-20	82.9	9.1	8.0	1.7	5.2	54	6.4	.294	12	8.1
B2t	20-26	80.5	6.5	13.0	2.4	5.0	44	6.1	.136	7	5.3
C	26+	91.0	--	9.0	1.5	3.0	53	6.0	.043	1	6.3
Chualar loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes SW-1/4 NE-1/4 Sec. 1 T10S R20E											
Al	0-4	73.6	11.7	14.7	5.1	13.8	51	5.4	1.32	12	3.8
A3	4-14	69.5	13.8	16.7	4.8	13.4	73	6.2	.498	14	2.8
B2t	14-28	66.1	11.9	22.0	7.3	17.7	89	7.3	.249	17	1.4
Hanford coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes NE-1/4 NE-1/4 SW-1/4 Sec. 6, T10S, T21E											
Al1	0-5	77.6	11.9	10.5	3.9	13.7	50	6.3	.135	13	65.3
Al2	5-15	76.6	11.9	11.5	2.7	6.2	80	6.3	.060	5	24.1
C	15-55	75.9	10.6	13.5	3.5	5.5	96	6.6	.017	7	6.8
Visalia coarse sandy loam, 5 to 15 percent slopes SW-1/4 NE-1/4 SW-1/4 Sec. 6, T10S, R21E											
Al	0-19	78.4	9.1	12.5	3.8	3.1	59	5.6	.732	15	3.5
C	19-68	84.5	5.0	10.5	3.0	6.0	86	6.3	.169	14	2.1

1. U.S.D.A. Labk No. 18
2. Inches
3. Percent by wt., hydrometer methods; an average of all samples showed 40% of the sand particles were very coarse and coarse sizes
4. Fifteen atmosphere percentage moisture over dry basis
5. Cation exchange capacity, ammonium acetate pH 7.0
6. Base saturation percentage
7. Glass electrode, saturated paste
8. Organic carbon, percent
9. Carbon nitrogen ration
10. Phosphorous, ppm, sodium carbonate extractable

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APPENDIX IV

PUBLICATIONS FROM THE SAN JOAQUIN EXPERIMENTAL RANGE,
1935-1975

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FOREWORD

The San Joaquin Experimental Range is in the western foothills of the Sierra Nevada in Madera County, California, at an elevation of 700 to 1700 feet (214 to 518 m). Soils are shallow, of granitic origin, and are low in water-storing capacity. Average annual precipitation since 1934 is about 19 inches (48.3 cm), with extremes of about 10 (25.4 cm) and 32 inches (81.3 cm). Vegetation is of the annual plant and oak-woodland types.

As the reader will see from the subject index, a variety of subjects have been investigated by Forest Service researchers and cooperators since the Experimental Range was established in 1934, with emphasis on range, range livestock, and wildlife/zoologically-oriented research. Beginning with the 1973 season an area on the Experimental Range has been intensively studied as the San Joaquin Comprehensive Network Site of the US/IBP Grassland Biome Program. Abiotic, producer, consumer, and decomposer aspects of the annual grassland ecosystem are being monitored throughout the year. Thus previously little-known aspects, such as belowground biomass, invertebrates, and decomposers are now being studied and preliminary results are furnishing clues toward a better understanding of the ecosystem's structure and function.

This publication updates earlier bibliographies by Reppert and Green (1958) and Sanderson and Duncan (1966) and includes works by staff members and cooperators who carried out studies at, or in conjunction with, the Experimental Range from 1934 through 1973. It lists primarily works available in public and university libraries; a few unpublished works are listed to make it a more useful compilation. The bibliography

is arranged alphabetically by senior author. Each entry is numbered consecutively for cross-indexing in the subject and author indices.

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