

# A Refuge for the Rare and Endangered

"The Bay Area is incalculably fortunate to have a unique oasis of biodiversity at San Bruno Mountain...In my book, *The Diversity of Life*, I highlighted San Bruno Mountain as one of eighteen global biodiversity 'hotspots' in need of immediate protection..."  
 -E.O. Wilson, Pellegrino University Research Professor, Emeritus at Harvard University

Of the more than thirty species of butterflies that live on San Bruno Mountain, three are listed as endangered and one as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

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Mission Blue Butterfly  
 Federally Endangered

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Callippe Silverspot Butterfly  
 Federally Endangered

David Schooley



San Bruno Elfin Butterfly  
 Federally Endangered

Eric Baetcher



San Francisco Bay Checkerspot Butterfly  
 Federally Threatened

Over 300 species of native plants grow on San Bruno Mountain. Many are rare and some are exclusively endemic to the mountain—they're found nowhere else on Earth.

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Diablo Sunflower  
 (*Helianthella castanea*)  
 California Rare Plant Rank 1B.2



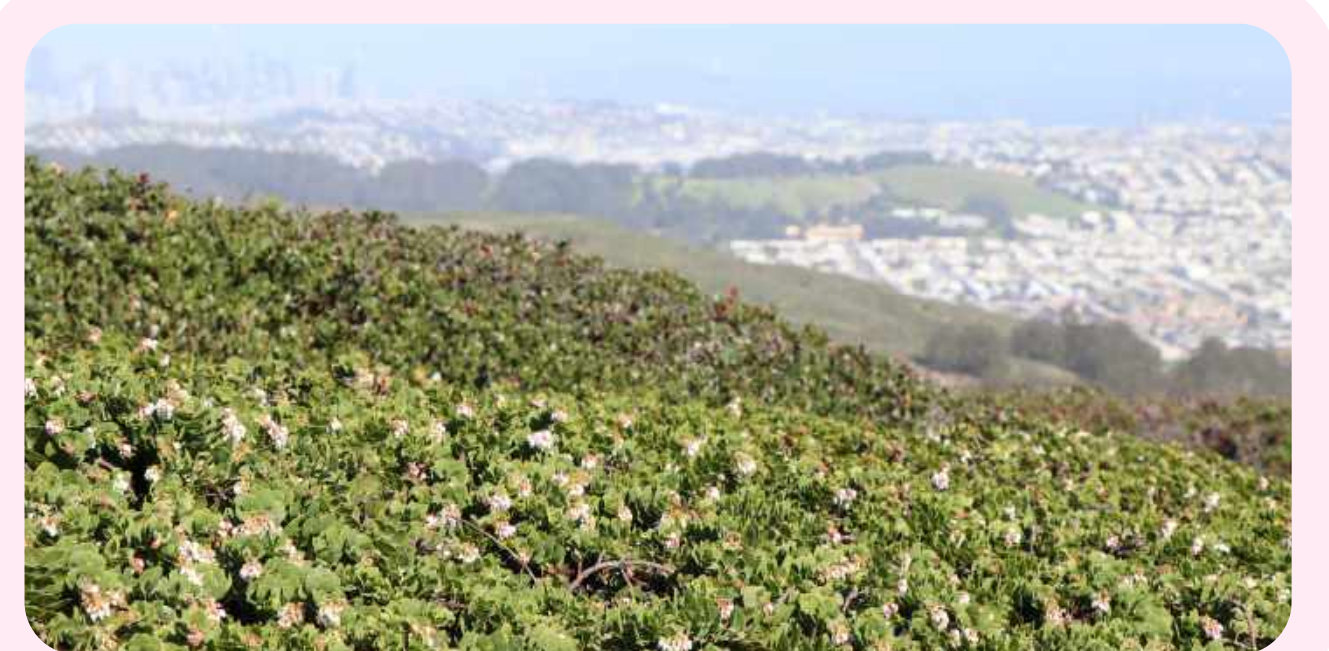
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San Francisco Spineflower  
 (*Chorizanthe cuspidata* var. *cuspidata*)  
 California Rare Plant Rank 1B.2



*Arctostaphylos imbricata* grows low to the ground along the windy western ridge of the mountain overlooking San Francisco—whenever the fog clears.



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Coast Iris (*Iris longipetala*)  
 California Rare Plant Rank 4.2 Limited Distribution



San Bruno Mountain Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos imbricata*)  
 California Rare Plant Rank 1B.1 Endangered Plant



Toni Corelli

Scott Simono



Franciscan Wallflower  
 (*Erysimum franciscanum*)  
 California Rare Plant Rank 4.2 Limited Distribution



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San Francisco Champion  
 (*Silene verecunda* ssp. *verecunda*)  
 California Rare Plant Rank 1B.2



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San Francisco Lessingia  
 (*Lessingia germanorum*)  
 California Rare Plant Rank 1B.1 Endangered Plant



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