

ENDANGERED SPECIES

First Species of Lotus on Endangered

Species Registry

United States Department of the Interior

Fish and Wildlife Service

Washington, D.C. 20240

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In Reply Refer to:

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Dear Dr. Grant:

Enclosed is a copy of a recent entry in the Federal Register in which we announced our determination that the:

- San Clemente loggerhead shrike (Lanius ludovicianus mearnsi);
- San Clemente broom (Lotus scoparius spp. traskiae);
- San Clemente Island bush-mallow (Malacothamnus clementinus);
- San Clemente Island larkspur (Delphinium kinkiense); and
- San Clemente Island Indian paintbrush (Castilleja grisea) are Endangered species and which determines that the
- island night lizard (Klauberina riversiana); and
- San Clemente sage sparrow (Amphispiza belli clementae) are Threatened species. This action makes the protection provided by the Act available to these species.

In addition, California has Endangered species statutes which recognize some species placed upon the Federal list and this action will trigger additional concern for these species at the State level.

The prohibitions provided for in the Act are rather broad and the penalties for violation are rather severe. In this context, and since you or your colleagues may be involved in research or other activities which may now require permits, I would appreciate it if you would pass this information to any persons to whom you feel it would be helpful.

We have not yet determined any Critical Habitat, as provided for by Section 7 of the Act, but have decided that such determinations may be needed. As our decision-making process continues, we will publish a proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register and provide ample opportunity for submission of comments. However, if you or any of your colleagues now have any comments concerning the desirability of determining Critical Habitat for any of the subject species, we would appreciate receiving your advice. Such information should be forwarded to the Office of Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Any advice you wish to offer or assistance in advising your colleagues of this action will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,