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There is some discrepancy between this and the information in the rare plant inventory.

COOL CALIFORNIA NATIVES

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# NEWLY RARE

SINCE 1974, THE CNPS RARE PLANT PROGRAM HAS EVALUATED AND RANKED THE RARITY OF CALIFORNIA'S NATIVE PLANTS, ASSESSING THEIR CONSERVATION STATUS AND MAKING THAT INFORMATION PUBLICLY AVAILABLE. HERE ARE THREE STRIKINGLY BEAUTIFUL RARITIES THAT WERE ONLY RECENTLY DESCRIBED AS NEW SPECIES, WHICH CNPS ADDED TO THE INVENTORY OF RARE AND ENDANGERED PLANTS IN 2021.

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**Crawford's spring beauty**  
(*Claytonia crawfordii*)

Photo: Larry Crawford

This plant is known only from four populations on high-elevation volcanic ridges in Tuolumne County. It was first photographed by Larry Crawford, for whom the species is named, and then described as a new species in 2018 by Thomas Stoughton. It has been assigned a California Rare Plant Rank of 1B.1, which means it is rare or endangered throughout its entire range.

RANKED 1B.1

**THREATS**

Climate change, timber activities, and random events that could eliminate its very small populations.