**Centromadia parryi** (Greene) Greene ssp. *congdonii*  
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**CONGDON'S TARPLANT**  
Asteraceae

**Synonyms:** *Hemizonia parryi* ssp. *congdonii*

**Habitat:** Foothill and valley grasslands (alkaline), terraces, swales,  
floodplains, grassland, disturbed sites. 0-300 meters (0-984 feet)

**Status:**  
CNPS Rare Plant Rank 1B.1  
Federal: unlisted  
State: unlisted  
State Rank: S2

**Counties:**  
Alameda  
Contra Costa  
Monterey  
San Luis Obispo  
San Mateo  
Santa Clara  
Santa Cruz*  
Solano*  
*Presumed extirpated

**Life Form:**  
Dicot  
annual herb

**Bloom period:**  
May - November

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**CNPS Rare and Endangered Plant Inventory Listing**  
Jepson eFlora Taxon page  
Jepson eFlora key  
Calflora Taxon Report  
CalPhotos Database Results  
Consortium of California Herbaria Records

COMMON SPIKEWEED (*Centromadia pungens* ssp. pungens) is  
a common plant that often shares habitat with CONGDON'S  
TARPLANT. To distinguish the two taxa, examine the disc flowers  
with 10 - 20x magnification. Disc flowers of CONGDON'S  
TARPLANT have pappus (left), pappus is lacking on disc flowers  
of the COMMON SPIKEWEED (right).
Centromadia parryi ssp. congodonii

Peduncle bracts coarse-hairy, non-glandular on CONGDON’S TARPLANT (left); glands sessile or short-stalked on PAPPOSE TARPLANT, Centromadia parryi ssp. parryi (right)