

Small leaved rose

Rosa minutifolia

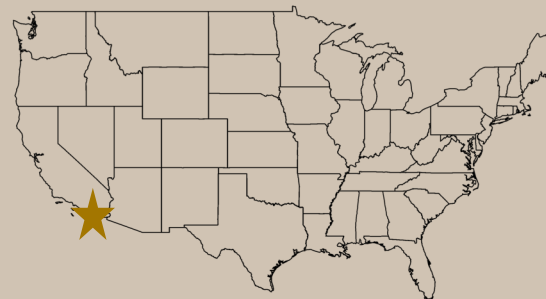


About me: I have rosy pink flowers and little leaves (hence my name!)

Why I'm rare: I was probably always rare in California. My home on the Otay Mesa in San Diego County was destroyed to make way for a housing development. Although I am extinct in the wild in California, I still grow along the coast of northwestern Baja California in Mexico.

My story: I am drought tolerant and can go as long as nine months without water. In the summer I lose my leaves, which helps me conserve water to survive extended periods of drought.

How you can help: Water is a limited resource for both plants and humans. Help conserve water by watering your garden in the morning or evening when it's cooler to minimize evaporation.



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