

**Not R2 SS, But Should Be Considered for other  
Emphasis Species Lists**

**Recommendations and Evaluations**

**Common Name:** cascade azalea

**Scientific Name:** *Rhododendron albiflorum* var. *warrenii* (*Azaleastrum albiflorum*)

**Recommendation:** **Not R2 SS, be should be considered for other Emphasis Species Lists**

**Recommendation Rationale:**

--The NRCS PLANTS database places *Azaleastrum albiflorum* under *Rhododendron albiflorum*, and recognizes two varieties: *R. albiflorum* var. *albiflorum*, and *R. albiflorum* var. *warrenii*. The former variety occurs in Canada and the Pacific Northwest (WA, OR, ID, MT) as described by our evaluator, but the latter is restricted to Colorado (local endemic).

--Within CO var. *warrenii* only known from ARRO (N=1) and MBR (N=19), the latter mostly in wilderness.

--No evidence that surveys have been conducted in recent years, so detailed information on abundance, population and habitat trends, habitat vulnerability or modification, and life history/demographics are poorly known.

--Although local endemic with few pops, most known are in wilderness and does not appear to be threatened. Hence, species doesn't merit SS designation.

--However, should be considered for local emphasis, esp. on ARRO where only one occurrence known.