



**USGS-NPS Vegetation Mapping Program**  
**Wind Cave National Park**

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OTHER NOTEWORTHY SPECIES

CONSERVATION RANK                      G?

DATABASE CODE                      CECX002003

MAP UNITS

The prairie dog town grassland complex corresponds to map unit 1, purple three-awn - fetid marigold herbaceous vegetation, on the Wind Cave vegetation map.

COMMENTS

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Prairie dog town grassland complex vegetation occurs on the naturally-disturbed soils of prairie dog towns. Prairie dog town grassland complex vegetation is quite patchy, and variable in terms of species distribution, with dominance varying locally within a stand. This is typical of early successional species on disturbed sites.

Prairie dog town grassland complexes at Wind Cave NP range from less than a half ha to over five ha in size. The prairie dog town grassland complex type was well-surveyed during preparation of the vegetation map.

REFERENCES