

Mentzelia mollis

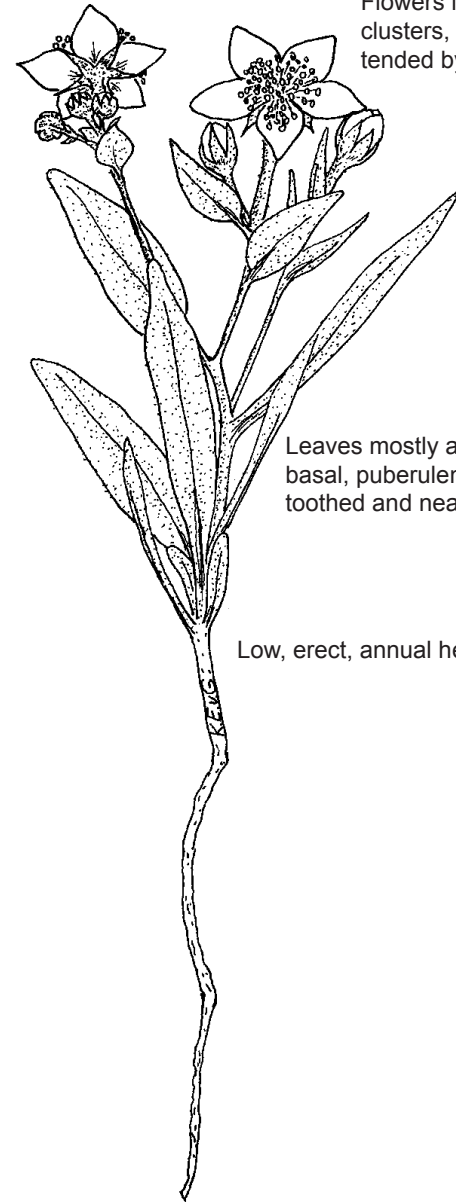
Loasaceae

Smooth mentzelia

Gerald D. Carr



Jean Siddall



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Low, erect, annual herb, 5-12 cm tall. Stems branched, stout, puberulent; hairs with barbed tips. Leaves mostly at base, not basal, puberulent, oblong-lanceolate to oblanceolate, obtuse, entire, rarely toothed, sessile or nearly so. Flowers in terminal clusters, subtended by two to three entire bracts; sepals broad-lanceolate, 4-6 mm long; petals, yellow, narrowly ovate, 10-12 mm long; stamens numerous; style longer than stamens. Fruit a capsule, four sided, about 2.5 cm long; seeds nearly smooth.

Lookalikes

- Mentzelia albicaulis*
- Mentzelia packardiae*

differs from featured plant by

- its basal rosette
- its slender, upright, sparsely branched habit, narrower leaves, dense pubescence and larger flowers

best survey times
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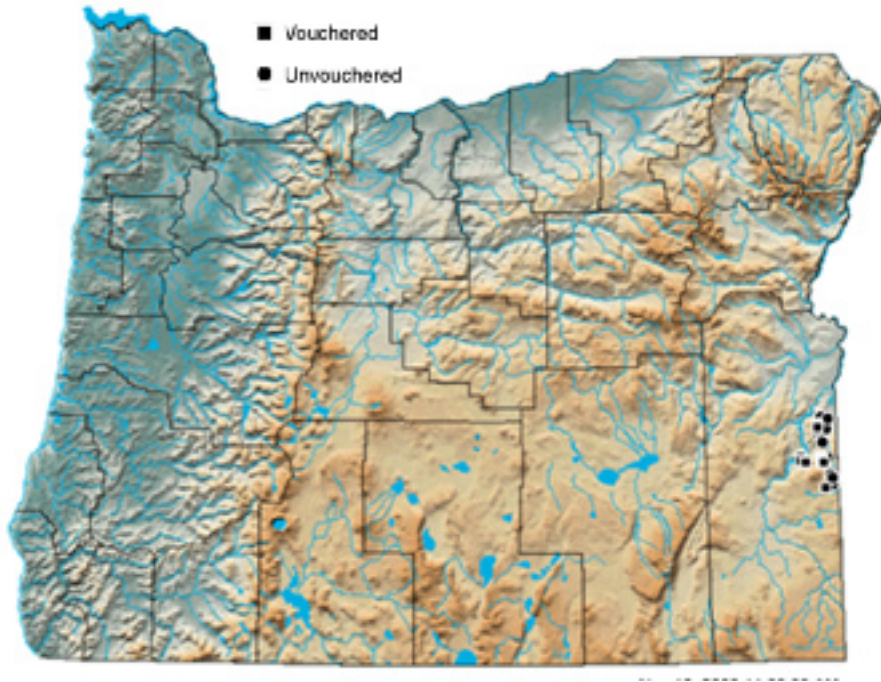


***Mentzelia mollis* M. Peck**

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PLANTS symbol: MEMO2

August 2019 status Oregon:LE; ORBIC: List 1



Distribution: East central Malheur Co. Oregon and Owyhee Co. Idaho.

Habitat: Grey or green volcanic ash of high potassium content.

Elevation: 850 - 1310 m

Best survey time (in flower): May – June

Associated species:

Cleomella hillmanii (Hillman's cleomella)

Micromonolepis pusilla (Dwarf monolepis)

