

Ranunculus triternatus

Ranunculaceae
Obscure buttercup

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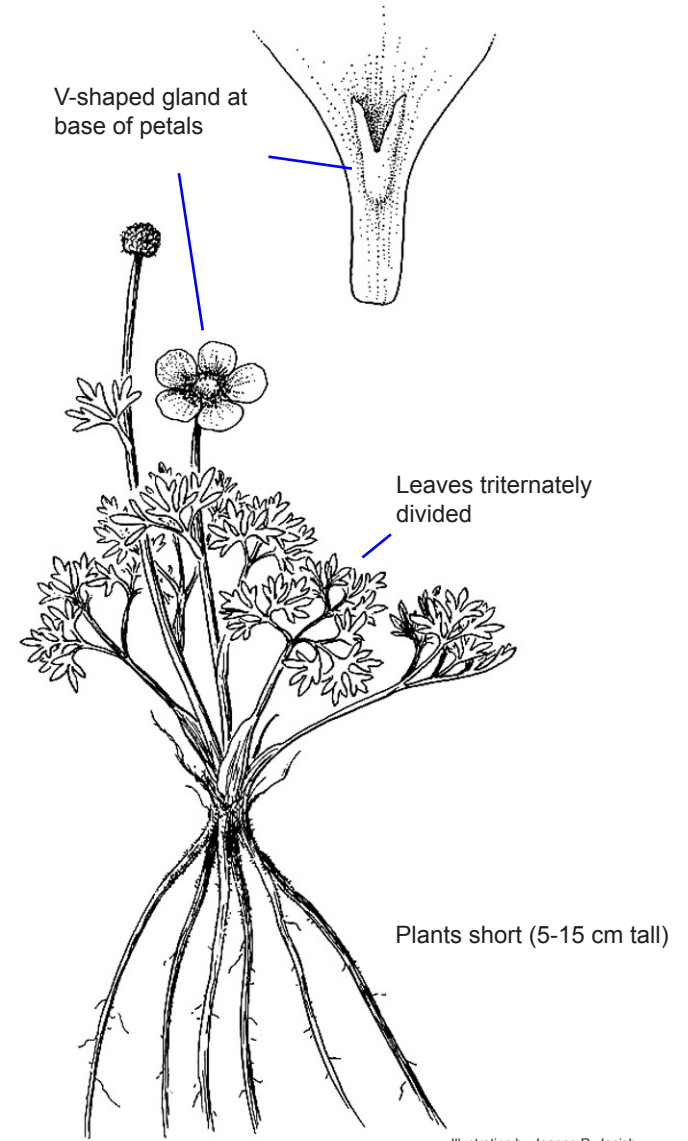


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Plant is a herbaceous perennial, glabrous, 5-15 cm tall, stems reclining. **Leaves** mostly basal; basal leaves triternately divided, finely dissected, primary divisions long petiolate, lobes filiform-linear to linear-spatulate, obtuse, dissected blade deltoid to reniform, cauline leaves similar. **Inflorescence** on nearly naked stalks, flowers yellow with 5 broadly ovate petals. **Fruits** are numerous small achenes.

Lookalikes
Ranunculus spp.

differs from featured plant by
Featured plant differs from other *Ranunculus* species by its triternately divided leaves, and cauline leaves similar to basal leaves

best survey times
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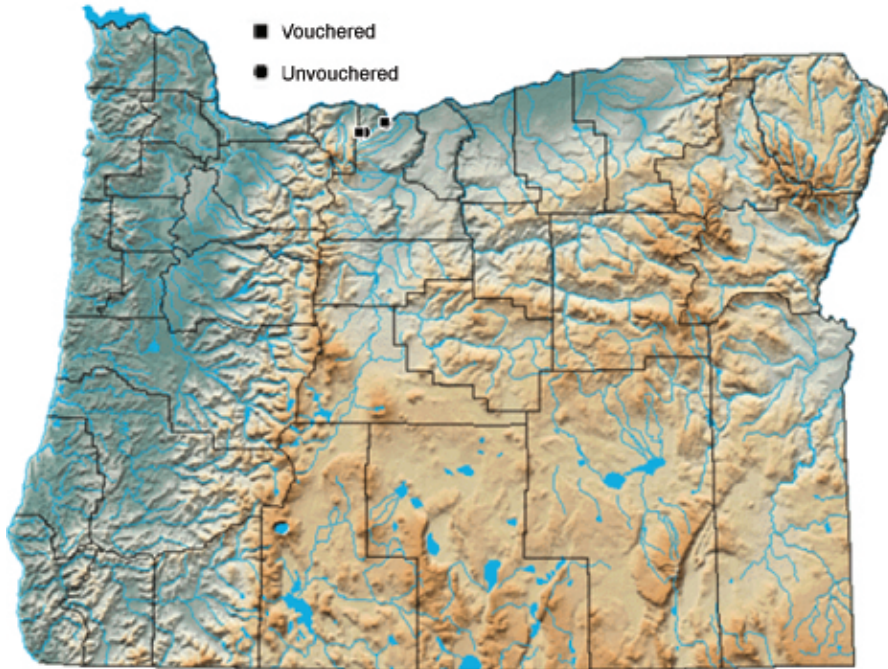


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PLANTS symbol: RARE5

August 2019 status Federal:SOC; ORBIC: List 1



Distribution: Wasco County, Oregon and Klickitat County, Washington.

Habitat: Well-drained sagebrush slopes.

Elevation: 900-1200 m

Best survey time (in flower): April-May

Associated species:

Pseudoroegneria spicata (Beardless bluebunch wheatgrass)

Lomatium columbianum (Purple lomatium)

Lomatium dissectum (Fernleaf biscuitroot)

Heuchera cylindrica (Roundleaf alumroot)

Poa spp. (Bluegrass)

Bromus spp. (Brome)

Lithophragma spp. (Woodland-star)

Eriogonum spp. (Buckwheat)

