## Rotala ramosior

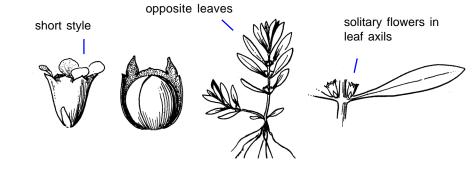
Lythraceae tooth cup





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Glabrous annual or perennial herb. **Stems** prostrate to erect, 10-40 cm, usually branched; upper branches more or less 4-angled. **Leaves** opposite, sessile or with short petioles, (.5)1-3 cm long, 2-5(10) mm wide, linear to oblanceolate. **Inflorescence** of solitary flowers in leaf axils. **Flower** hypanthium urn-shaped, longer than fruit; sepals broadly deltate; appendages awl-like, twice as long as the sepals; petals white to pink; stamens 4, <1 mm long. **Fruits** ovoid to globose, generally 4-valved.

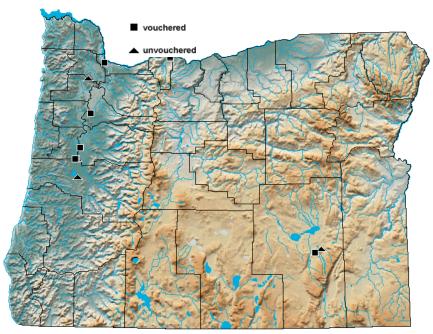
Lookalikes Lythrum portula...... (purslane loosestrife) differs from featured plant by ..hypanthium partly enclosing fruit ; fruit smaller; leaves oblong to obovate, 5-10 mm long.

best survey times J|F|M|A|M|J<u>J|A|S</u>|O|N|D



## Rotala ramosior (L.) Koehne

tooth cup PLANTS symbol: RORA *August 2019 status* ORBIC: List 2



**Distribution:** Willamette Valley, southeastern Oregon; Washington; Montana; California; to eastern North America; Mexico.

Habitat: Open, wet gravelly soil around ponds.

Elevation: 5-400 feet (western Oregon), about 4200 feet (Harney Co.)

Best survey time(in flower): July-September







1 cm



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