

# *Sidalcea nelsoniana*

Malvaceae

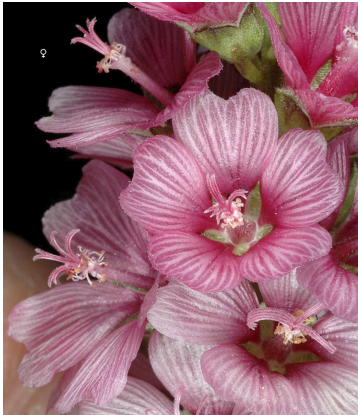
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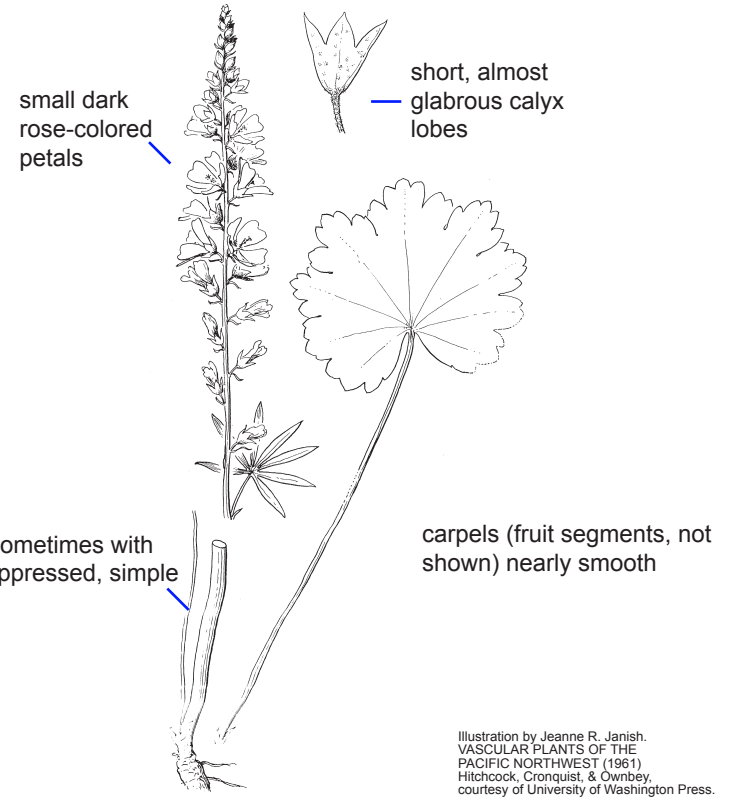


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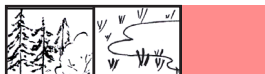


Erect perennial from a stout taproot, plants either bisexual or female. **Stems** 60-100 cm tall, somewhat glaucous, glabrous to pubescent with short, appressed, simple hairs. **Leaf** blades orbicular, extremely variable in lobing, basal leaves shallowly 5-7-lobed, upper ones deeply parted, glabrous above, sparsely hairy with simple hairs beneath, 5-10 cm broad, the lower ones ca. seven lobed, the lobes toothed, upper leaves increasingly deeply cleft. **Inflorescence** a many-flowered, elongate, spikelike raceme; pedicels ca. 3 mm long. **Flowers** bisexual or female, the bisexual ones larger than the females; calyx nearly smooth, 4-6 mm long, purplish tinged, glabrous or pubescent with stellate hairs; petals rose-colored, 5-15 mm long; stamens united in a tube surrounding style. **Fruits** schizocarps; carpels ca. 3 mm long.

**Lookalikes**

<i>Sidalcea hendersonii</i> .....	Restricted to tide flats, calyx taller, more pubescent
<i>S. hirtipes</i> .....	calyx longer (9-15 mm), flowers larger (5-15mm), coastal
<i>S. malviflora</i> ssp. <i>virgata</i> .....	sepals uniformly finely stellate, flowers larger, typically on dry soils
<i>S. campestris</i> .....	flowers white to pale pink, larger

best survey times  
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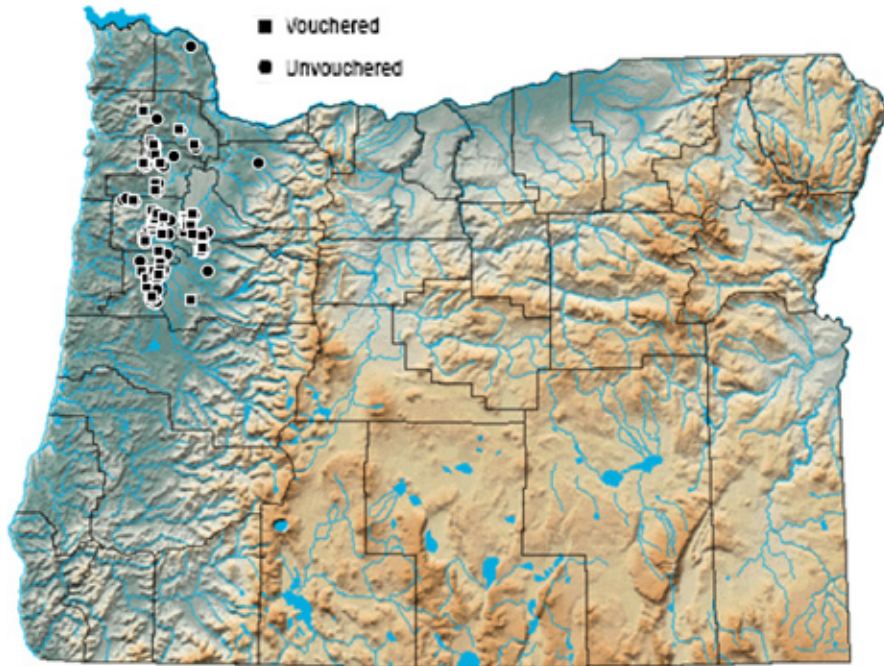


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PLANTS symbol: SINE2

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**Distribution:** West of the Cascade Mountains, in the Willamette Valley and occasionally in the Coast Range; north to Lewis Co., Central Washington.

**Habitat:** Relatively open areas on damp soil, in meadows, wet prairie remnants, fencerows, roadsides, deciduous forest edges, occasionally Oregon ash wetlands.

**Elevation:** 45-610 m

**Best survey time(in flower):** May-September

### **Associated species:**

*Fraxinus latifolia* (Oregon ash)

*Deschampsia cespitosa* (tufted hairgrass)

*Geum macrophyllum* (large leaved avens)

*Anthoxanthum odoratum* (sweet vernal grass)



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