

***Thelypodium howellii* ssp. *spectabilis***

Brassicaceae  
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Biennial, glabrous, glaucous, erect herb. Stem usually single from the base, occasionally several, 10-80 cm tall, often branched above. Leaves: basal leaves oblanceolate to spatulate, usually pinnately toothed, lobed or parted, 2-10 cm long; cauline leaves lanceolate to linear lanceolate, sessile or auriculate, entire, 1-10 cm long. Inflorescence a raceme, slender, loosely flowered, lax. Flower: sepals green to purplish, lanceolate, 5-9 mm long; petals spatulate, lavender to purple, 9-20 mm long, 1.5-3 mm wide; whitescarious margins on sepals and petals; paired filaments free. Fruit a silique, terete, straight to slightly incurved, 1.5-8 cm long, 1-2 mm wide.

**Lookalikes**  
*Thelypodium howellii* ssp. *howellii*

**differs from featured plant by**  
its slightly smaller flowers and lack of spatulate, paired free filaments

best survey times  
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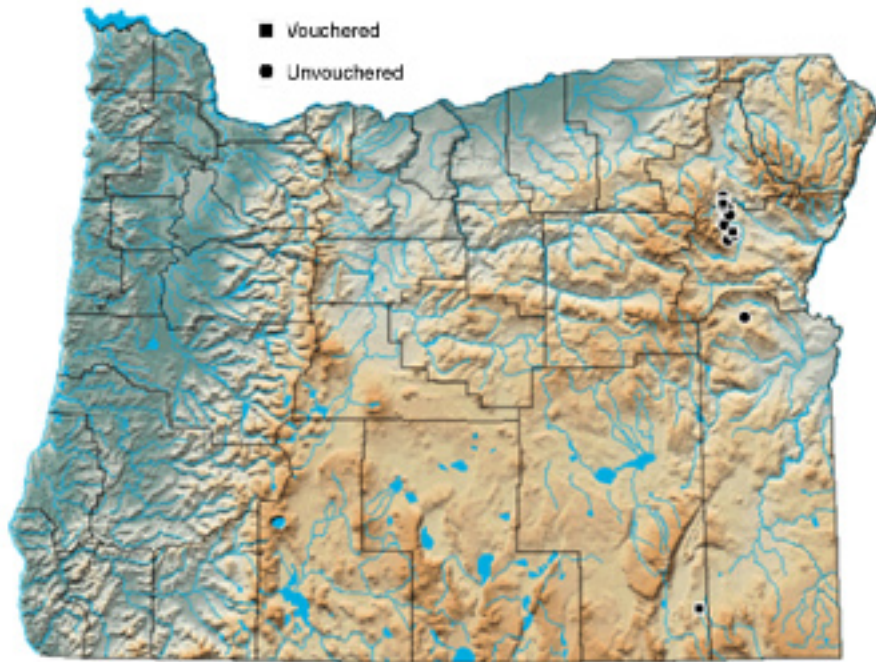


***Thelypodium howellii* S. Watson**  
***ssp. spectabilis* (M. Peck) Al-Shehbaz**

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PLANTS symbol: THHOS2

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**Distribution:** The Powder River Valley of Baker and Union Cos., Oregon. Also known historically from northern Malheur Co., Oregon.

**Habitat:** Moist (often alkaline) plains and river valleys.

**Elevation:** 900–1100 m

**Best survey time (in flower):** June – August

**Associated species:**

*Sarcobatus vermiculatus* (Greasewood)

*Leymus cinereus* (Basin wildrye)

*Chenopodium* (Goosefoot)

