

Castilleja rubida

Scrophulariaceae

Wallowa alpine paintbrush, Purple paintbrush



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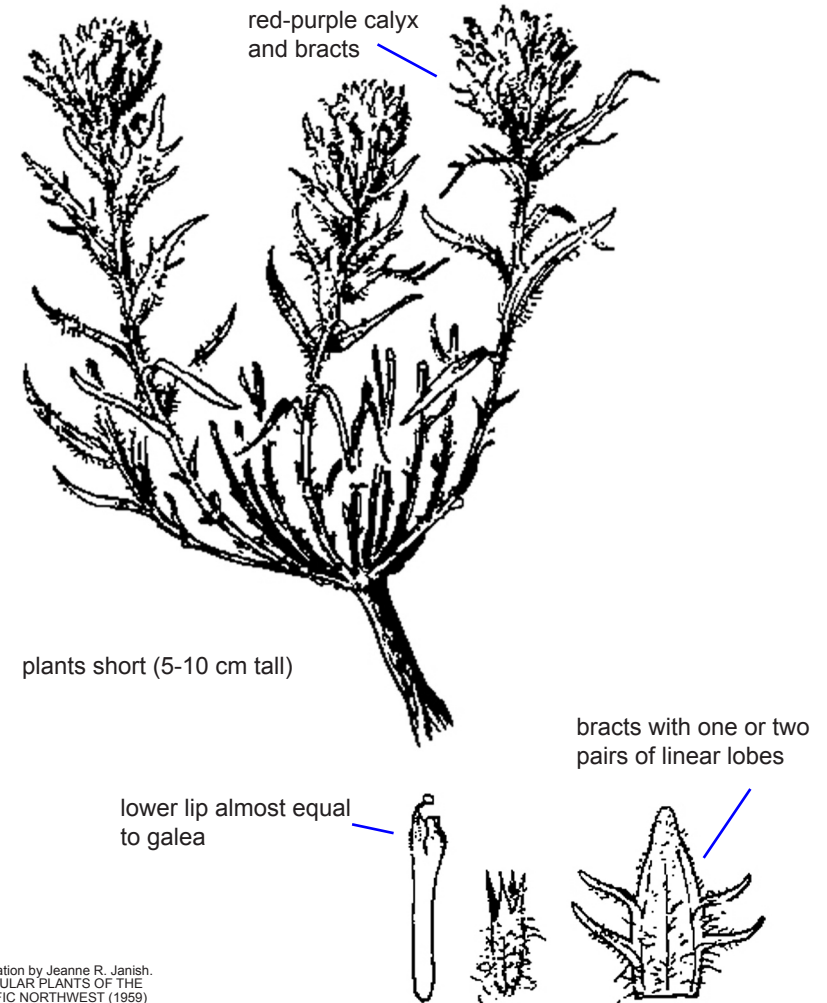


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VASCULAR PLANTS OF THE
PACIFIC NORTHWEST (1959)
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Plant perennial, densely pubescent. **Stems** clustered from a woody base, 5-10 cm tall, decumbent and unbranched. **Leaves** pubescent, glutinous, linear-lanceolate and entire, the upper ones with a pair of short, narrow, lateral lobes; bracts with 1 or 2 pairs of linear lobes. **Inflorescence** short and dense with violet to red-purple bracts and calyces, calyx 10-12 mm long, lobes nearly equal, corolla 12-15 mm long, galea about one-third as long, and minutely puberulent, lower lip slightly shorter than galea, red-purple with purplish lobes.

Lookalikes

Castilleja pilosa

Castilleja fraterna

differs from featured plant by

its white-margined bracts and calyces.

longer corolla tube and bright red calyx.

best survey times

J|F|M|A|M|J|J|A|S|O|N|D



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PLANTS symbol: CARU8

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Distribution: Wallowa Mountains, northeastern Oregon.

Habitat: Rocky, open ground on alpine summits.

Elevation: 2240-3000 m

Best survey time (in flower): Late June - late August

Associated species:

Achillea millefolium (Yarrow, Milfoil)

Sedum lanceolatum (Lanceleaf stonecrop)

Luzula spicata (Spiked woodrush)

Silene acaulis (Moss campion)

Dasiphora fruticosa (Shrubby cinquefoil)

Trisetum spicatum (Spike trisetum, Downy oatgrass) *Eriogonum scopulorum* (Cliff buckwheat)

Pseudoroegneria spicata (Beardless bluebunch wheatgrass)

Geum triflorum (Old man's whiskers)

Oxytropis borealis var. *viscida* (Sticky crazyweed)

