

***Claytonia multiscapa* Rydb. ssp. *pacifica* (McNeill)**

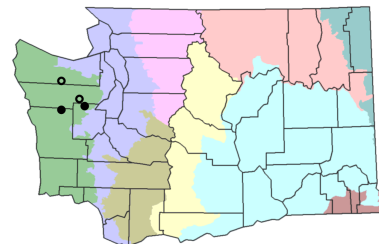
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synonym: *Claytonia lanceolata* Pursh var. *multiscapa*
(Rydb.) C.L. Hitchc., *Claytonia lanceolata* Pall. ex Pursh var.
pacifica McNeill

Pacific lanceleaved springbeauty

Portulacaceae - purslane family

status: State Threatened, USFS sensitive - rank: G5T3 /
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General Description: Adapted from Miller & Chambers (2006) and Hitchcock & Cronquist (1973): Hairless perennial with multiple stems from a roundish corm 1-4 cm broad. Basal leaves absent or up to 8 cm long, distinctly tapered to petioles, blades 0.2-1.2 mm wide, linear to lanceolate or ovate, tips obtuse; stem leaves 2-6 (9) cm long x 2.5-12 mm wide, petiolate, linear to narrowly elliptical, at least 5 times longer than broad, rarely over 1 cm wide, tips acute.

Floral Characteristics: Flowers (1-2) 3-20 in loose racemes, often on one side of the stem, usually with a single bract; pedicels 1-5 cm, usually recurved in fruit; sepals 2, 3-5 mm; petals 5, not notched at the tip, fused at the base for 1-2 mm, white or pinkish, 8-10 mm long; stamens 5, attached to the base of the petals; styles 3. Flowers in spring to early summer.

Fruits: Oval capsules about 4 mm long; seeds black and shining, 1-2 mm long. Fruits develop in early to mid summer.

Identification Tips: *Claytonia multiscapa* ssp. *pacifica* is distinguished from *C. lanceolata* by the latter's sessile stem leaves and notched petals.

Range: Vancouver Island and North Cascade Range of B.C.; Olympic Mts. of WA.

Habitat/Ecology: Wet subalpine to alpine meadows, often flowering near the edge of melting snowfields.

Comments:

References: Miller & Chambers 2006.



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