

Pacific Silverweed

Potentilla anserina ssp. Pacifica ~ Rose family

Ethnobotany

- Roots dug in early fall & spring, then steamed; tasted similar to sweet potatoes
- Roots were such an important food that chiefs often owned patches

Characteristics

- Grows in marshes, tidal flats & near sandy beaches
- Perennial herb grows from long, reddish runners with flower stalks bearing single flowers
- Compound leaves are silver-colored & woolly



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