Plant Propagation Protocol for LANE3

ESRM 412 – Native Plant Production

Protocol URL: https://courses.washington.edu/esrm412/protocols/LANE3.pdf



Source 4

TAXONOMY		
Plant Family		
Scientific Name	Fabaceae/Leguminosae ¹	
Common Name	Pea ¹	
Species Scientific Name		
Scientific Name	Lathyrus nevadensis S. Watson ¹	
Varieties	Lathyrus nevadensis ssp. lanceolatus var. nuttallii (S. Watson) (Howell) C.L. Hitchc. ¹	

Lathyrus nevadensis ssp. Nevadensis S. Watson. ¹
None
Lathyrus lanceolatus Howell. ⁴ Lathyrus nuttallii S. Watson. ⁴
Sierra Pea ² , Sierra Sweet Pea ² , Sierran Vetching ² , Purple Peavine ³ , Cusick's pea ⁸
LANE3 ¹

Geographical range	LANE3 USDA-NRCS-NGCE C-SIF
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Ecological distribution	Mixed deciduous and coniferous slopes. ² Dry soil. ² Part-shade. ² Moderately moist to dry open woods and clearings. ^{3, 8} Occurs from California to British Columbia, and as far East as Idaho. ¹ Found predominately on low-mid mountain slopes. ³
Climate and elevation range	Grows at elevations between 450m-2300m. ⁶ Boreal, temperate, or cool mesothermic climates.
Local habitat and abundance	Abundance: Native. Not threatened or endangered. ^{2,4,7}
	Key Attributes of Habitat:
	All sites: Gradient slope of 0-240%, average site findings of 18%8
	Aspect 0-360°, average site findings of 195° (SSW facing). ⁷
	Western/Coastal sites: Mesic to dry open forests, glades, and meadows in lowland and mountainous zones. ^{2, 7} Needs moderately dry to fresh, nitrogen (N) rich soils. ⁷ Occurrence decreases as elevation, precipitation,

	and latitude increase. ⁷ Found most often in broad-leaved forests in well drained sites. ⁷ Symbiotic relationship with N fixing bacteria. ⁷
	Eastern Sites: 1,310-1,950m. ⁸ Warm, dry slopes. ⁸ Found with Grand Fir, White Spiraea, and Ponderosa Pine. ⁸
Plant strategy type / successional stage	Perennial. Stress-tolerator, due to its underground rhizome structure it can tolerate disturbances like fire and come back in the same spot next year. 12
Plant characteristics	General: Wildflower. ³ Perennial herb. ³ Has creeping rhizomes and erect/clambering angled stems. ³ 15cm - 100cm tall. ⁷ Soft hairy stem. ⁷
	Leaves: Pinnately compound leaves with 4-10 leaflets. ³ Leaves (opposite) up to 12cm long and 3cm wide. ^{3,7} Some grasping tendrils. ⁷ 2-lobed stipules, lance-shaped to linear, which are less than 1/2 as long as the leaflets. ⁷
	Flowers: Blueish-purple to mauve-red, pea like flowers. ³ Up to 2.5cm long. ³ Flower in terminal clusters of 2-7 flowers. ³
	Fruits: Hairless pods up to 7cm long and 9mm wide. 3,7 Contains 4-12 seeds. 7 2mm 2 calyx 2 cm fruit stem segment Lathyrus nevadensis var. nevadensis Regents of the University of California Source 5



Source 4

PROPAGATION DETAILS*

*based on the propagation methods for other perineal members of the Lathyrus genus, specifically Lathyrus polyphyllus and Lathyrus latifolius

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Ecotype	n/a
Propagation Goal	Seeds ^{2, 9, 10}
Propagation Method	Seeds or vegitatively through creeping rhizomes. ^{2, 10} As this plant is not available for nursery sale you need to go find wild <i>Lathyrus nevadensis</i> and hand collect the seeds. ⁹
Product Type	Container (plug) ⁹
Stock Type	n/a
Time to Grow	Unknown
Target Specifications	Well developed shoots, roots, and rhizomes filling the container before out planting. ⁹
Propagule Collection Instructions	Collect by hand from wild seed. ⁹ Flowers from May-July, so would theoretically want to collect April-August. ¹
Propagule Processing/Propagule Characteristics	Unknown
Pre-Planting Propagule Treatments	Seeds must be scarified and/or stratified. ²
Growing Area Preparation / Annual Practices for Perennial Crops	Well drained, drier media. ² Preferably facing South West with partial shade. Will most likely be able to be grown in plug trays before replanting. ^{7,9}
Establishment Phase Details	Unknown

Length of Establishment Phase	Unknown
Active Growth Phase	Unknown. Most likely will be from April to September. ² Though the rhizomes most likely continue growing underground during the "dormancy" period.
Length of Active Growth Phase	Probably 4-5 months ^{2,9}
Hardening Phase	Unknown. Important to note that the plant is drought and fire tolerant, due to rhizome structure. 10, 12
Length of Hardening Phase	Unknown
Harvesting, Storage and Shipping	Unknown
Length of Storage	Unknown
Guidelines for Outplanting / Performance on Typical Sites	Plant in the Early to Mid-Spring in South to South West facing, well drained shaded sites. ⁷ Will flower between May-July. ¹ Often found in tree stands but unknown if planting under trees is an important part of their establishment. ^{2,7}
Other Comments	Hermaphroditic flowers pollinated by bees. 12 Very little is known about propagating and establishing this plant in personal and commercial nurseries. Though the Lady Bird Johnson center claims it's a commercially available plant, no consulted nurseries seem to have this plant available to purchase. It is a smaller flowering pea, and is most likely barely or unscented, as are most perineal peas.
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