

# Castilleja levisecta

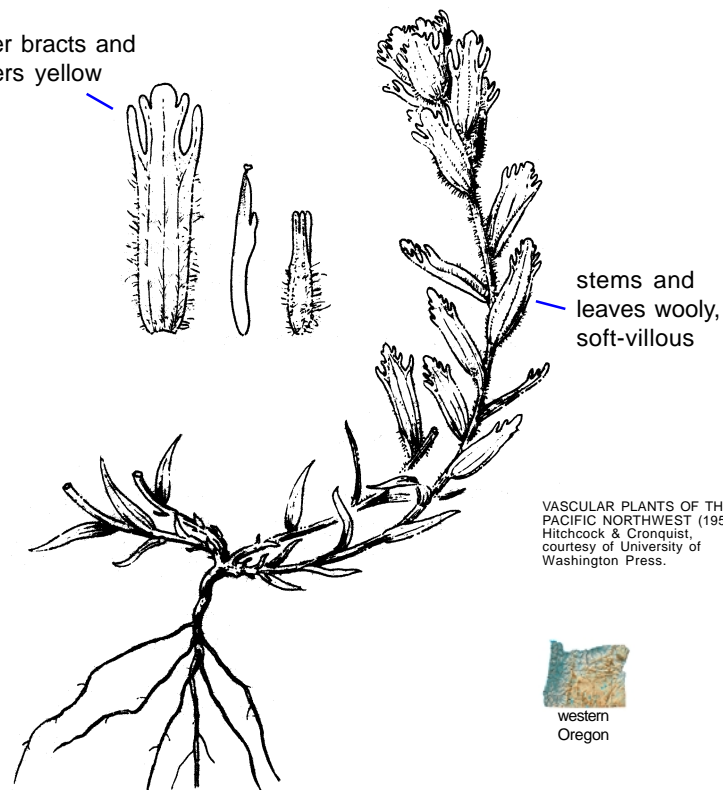
Scrophulariaceae  
golden paintbrush

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flower bracts and  
flowers yellow



VASCULAR PLANTS OF THE  
PACIFIC NORTHWEST (1959)  
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Perennial herb. **Stems** several, more or less decumbent or creeping at the base, usually unbranched, 10-50 cm tall, softly viscid-villous. **Leaves** viscid-villous to hispidulous, lower ones linear-lanceolate, entire, upper ones oblong-ovate or -obovate, with mostly 1-3 pairs of short lateral lobes from the distal 1/3 of the blade. **Inflorescence** narrow, elongating with age. **Flowers** remote and mostly hidden by the overlapping bracts; calyx 15-18 mm long, deeply and subequally cleft above and below, its primary lobes again rather deeply divided into 2 linear obtuse segments; corolla 20-23 mm long; galea rather slender, puberulent, ca. 3-4 times the length of the unpouched lower lip; bracts ca. the width of the upper leaves, oblong, obtuse, entire or more usually with 1-3 pairs of short lateral lobes from near the apex, puberulent and more or less viscid-villous, golden yellow.

### Lookalikes

All other species of paintbrush west of the Cascades have red flowers and bracts.

best survey times  
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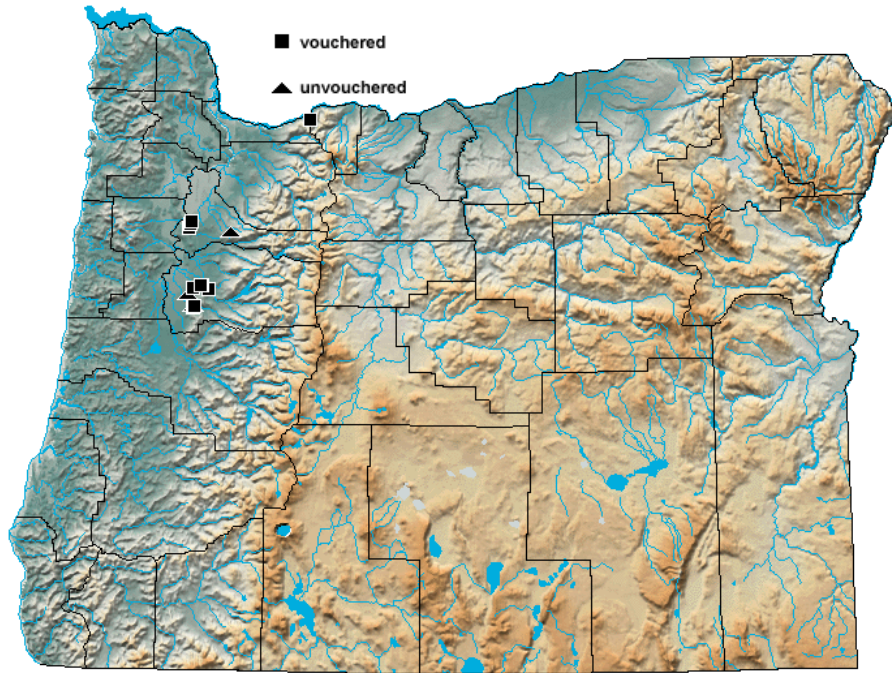


## ***Castilleja levisecta* Greenm.**

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PLANTS symbol: CALE27

August 2019 status Federal:LT; Oregon:LE; ORBIC: List 1-ex



**Distribution:** Willamette Valley (where presumed extinct); Puget Trough in Washington; Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

**Habitat:** Moist or wet meadows and native prairies at low elevations.

**Elevation:** 150-700 feet

**Best survey time(in flower):** May-June

**Associated species:**

*Sidalcea campestris* (meadow sidalcea)

*Camassia* spp. (camas)

*Potentilla* spp. (cinquefoil)

*Delphinium pavonaceum* (peacock larkspur)

*Symphotrichum hallii* (Hall's aster)

*Deschampsia cespitosa* (tufted hairgrass)



1 cm

