

Delphinium oreganum

Ranunculaceae

Willamette Valley larkspur



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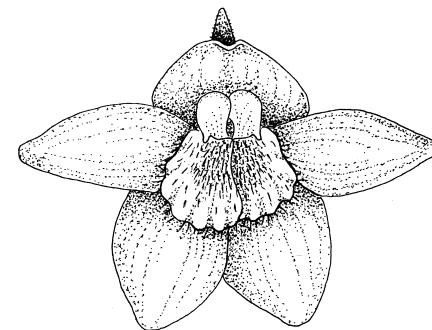
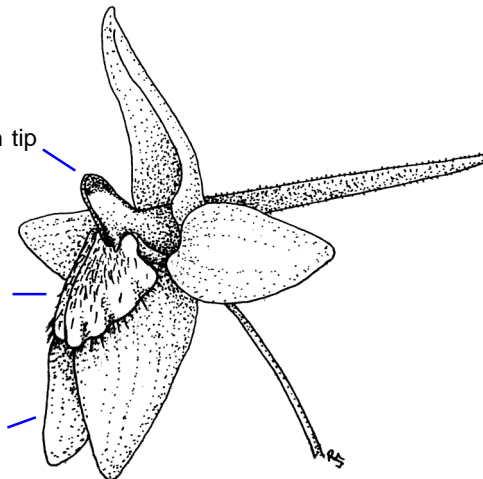


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upper petals white with a bluish tip

lower petals evenly short-hairy over most of blade

sepals dark blue



northwest Oregon

Slender perennial from short, fleshy, tuber-like roots. **Stem** single, readily separating from the tubers, to 80 cm tall, not at all fistulose, usually finely crisp-puberulent throughout. **Leaves** few, evenly distributed on the stem, long-petiolate, the largest ones with narrowly linear. **Inflorescence** simple to compound, open, the racemes 6- to 30-flowered, leafy-bracteate below; pedicels usually exceeding the spur and sometimes several times as long. **Flowers** with showy sepals and inconspicuous petals; sepals dark blue; lower petals evenly short-hairy over most of blade, the blade broadly obovate, the sinus 1.5-2.5 mm deep; upper petals bluish-tipped. **Follicles** to 16 mm long, often glandular-pubescent.

Lookalikes

Delphinium menziesii....
(Menzies' larkspur)

differs from featured plant by

hairs on lower petals concentrated in a tuft at center and base of blade; upper petals usually white, plants <70 cm tall

best survey times
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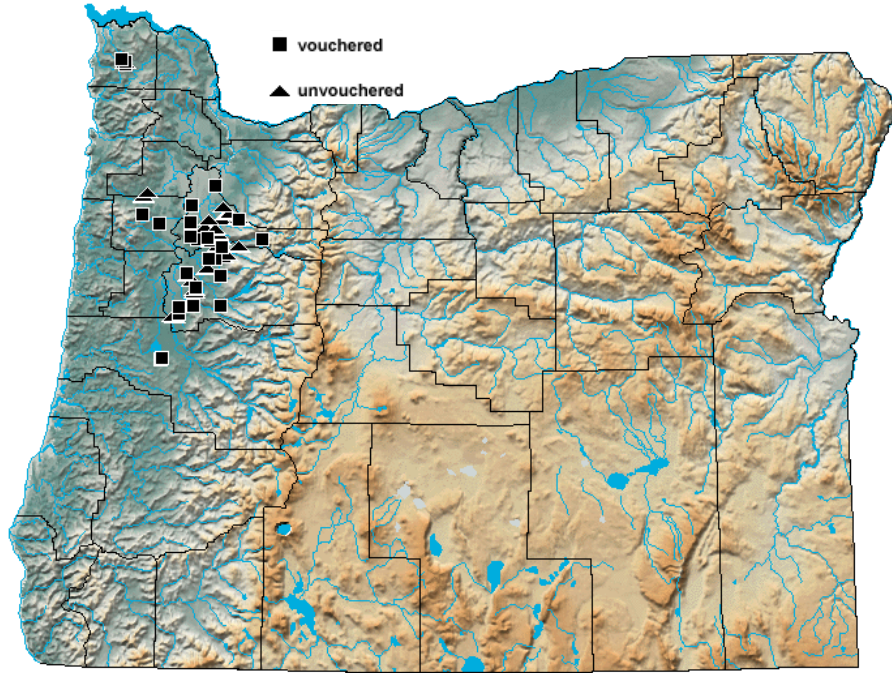


Delphinium oregonum Howell

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PLANTS symbol: DEOR2

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Distribution: Endemic to Willamette Valley and high elevation peaks in the northern Coast Range.

Habitat: At low elevations in Willamette Valley most commonly found in wet prairies with shrubby or Oregon ash overstory, also roadsides, fencerows, dry oak woodlands, open hillsides, and well-drained native prairies; at high elevation in northern Coast Range on open, moderately moist slopes.

Elevation: 150-1400 feet (Willamette Valley); 2300-3200 feet (northern Coast Range)

Best survey time (in flower): May-July

