

Micranthes hitchcockiana

Saxifragaceae
Saddle Mountain saxifrage,
Hitchcock's saxifrage

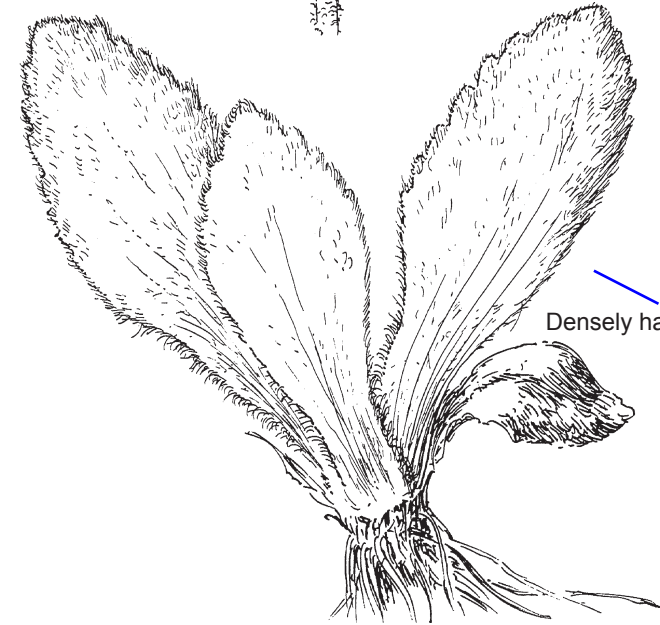
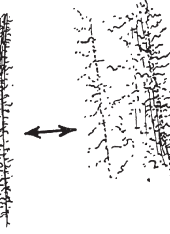


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Small, white flowers



Thick stems



Densely hairy leaves

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VASCULAR PLANTS OF THE
PACIFIC NORTHWEST (1961)
Hitchcock, Cronquist, & Ownbey,
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Perennial herb occasionally from thick, ascending rhizomes at least 5 mm long. **Stems** thick and fleshy, unbranched. **Leaves** 4-12(15) cm long, densely covered with white, multicellular hairs, elliptic to obovate, tapering gradually to a broad, indistinct petiole, the margin usually strongly serrate to dentate, ciliate; leafless flowering stems 10-25 cm tall, densely pubescent. **Inflorescence** an open, broadly cymose panicle, 5-10 cm tall, densely covered with wavy multicellular glandular hairs ca. 2 mm long; main axis with 4-8 lateral branches each 1-4 cm long; pedicels 1-2 mm long, strongly reflexed; bracts elliptic to ovate, green. **Flowers** with petals 2-5 mm long, more than 1.5 times the length of the sepals, elliptic, white; stamens ~equal to petal length, filaments more subulate than clavate. **Fruits** 2.5-6mm long, greenish to reddish-purple.

Lookalikes

Saxifraga cespitosa
Micranthes oregana

differs from featured plant by

smaller, lobed leaves
inflorescence pyramidal and open with spreading lower branches

best survey times
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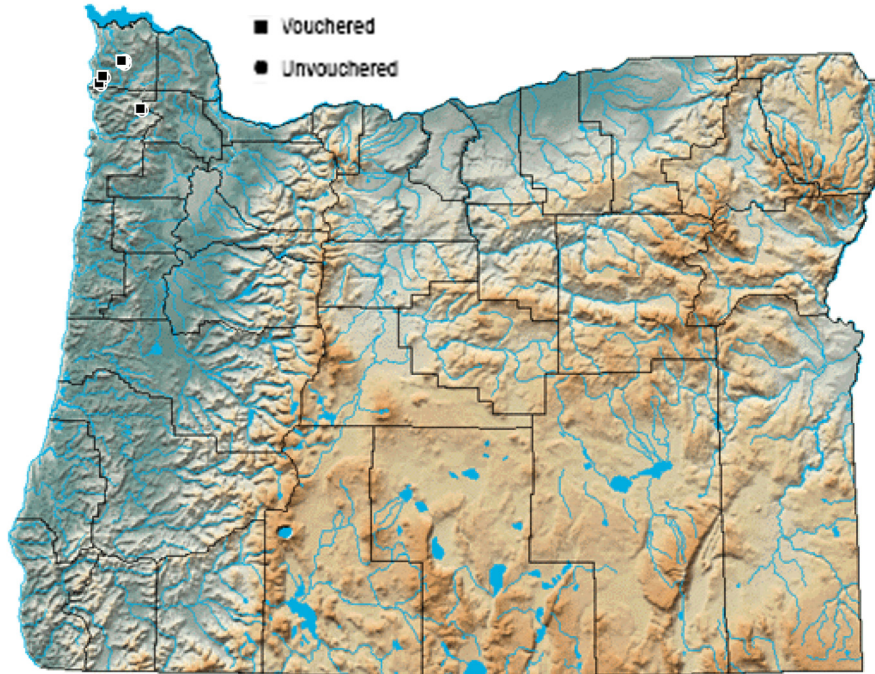


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PLANTS symbol: SAH17

August 2019 status Federal:SOC; Oregon:C; ORBIC: List 1



Distribution: Endemic to higher peaks in northwest Oregon Coast Range.

Habitat: Grassy balds, thin, rocky soils and rock crevices.

Elevation: 670-1020 m

Best survey time(in flower): late May-July

Associated species:

Abies amabilis (Pacific silver fir)

Tsuga heterophylla (Western hemlock)

Iris tenax (Oregon iris)

Lomatium martindalei (Few fruited lomatium)

Saxifraga cespitosa (Tufted alpine saxifrage)



1 cm

