

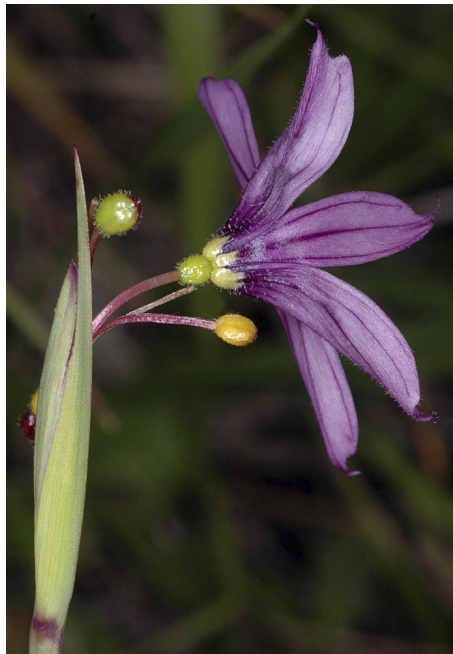
Sisyrinchium hitchcockii

Iridaceae

Hitchcock's blue eyed grass



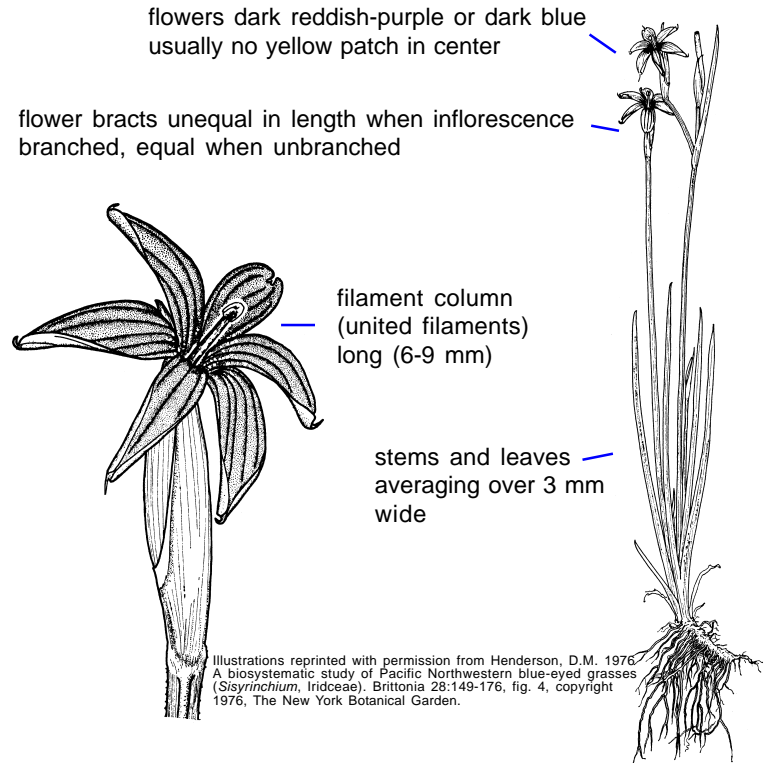
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Rhizomatous, pale glaucous green, perennial herb. **Stems** 1-3, erect to ascending, simple or branched with a leaf-like bract subtending one of two pedunculate spathes, conspicuously 2-winged, (1.5)2.5-4(4.5) mm, to 55 cm tall, the margins smooth or occasionally with minute, widely spaced teeth. **Leaves** shorter than the stems, lax to ascending or strict, (2.2)3-4(6.0) mm wide, the margins smooth to finely denticulate. **Inflorescence** terminal on the stem or pedunculate; spathe bracts very unequal when simple-stemmed or sub-equal when pedunculate; inner bract 20-25(28) mm long, the outer margin entire to finely toothed, the inner margins narrowly hyaline for ca. 2/3 the length of the bract; outer bract 23-37(45) mm long, often abruptly to an acute, in-curved apex, outer margin entire to finely toothed, the inner margins narrowly hyaline 1/2-3/4 the length of the bract, connate at the base for (3.1)5.0-6.0(7.5) mm. **Flowers** 2-7 on stout, glabrous, slightly spreading pedicels generally exceeding the inner bract; perianth dark reddish-purple, rarely dark blue, the yellow eye infrequent or lacking, the segments narrowly elliptic to narrowly oblanceolate, often truncate, aristulate, emarginate, (12)15-18(20) mm long; outer tepals with a length/width ratio greater than 3; filament column 6.0-9.0 mm long, purple, glandular proximally for (1.5)2.0-3.5(4.0) mm; anthers yellow-orange, 1.5-2.8 mm long; ovary at anthesis, 2-3 mm long, spherical, stipitate-glandular. **Fruits** capsules, (5)6-7(8) mm long, globose.

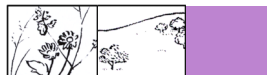
Lookalikes

Sisyrinchium spp
(blue eyed grasses)

Differ by

other species have smaller flowers, lighter colored flowers, are not rhizomatous, and/or have stamen filaments that are not united the full length

best survey times
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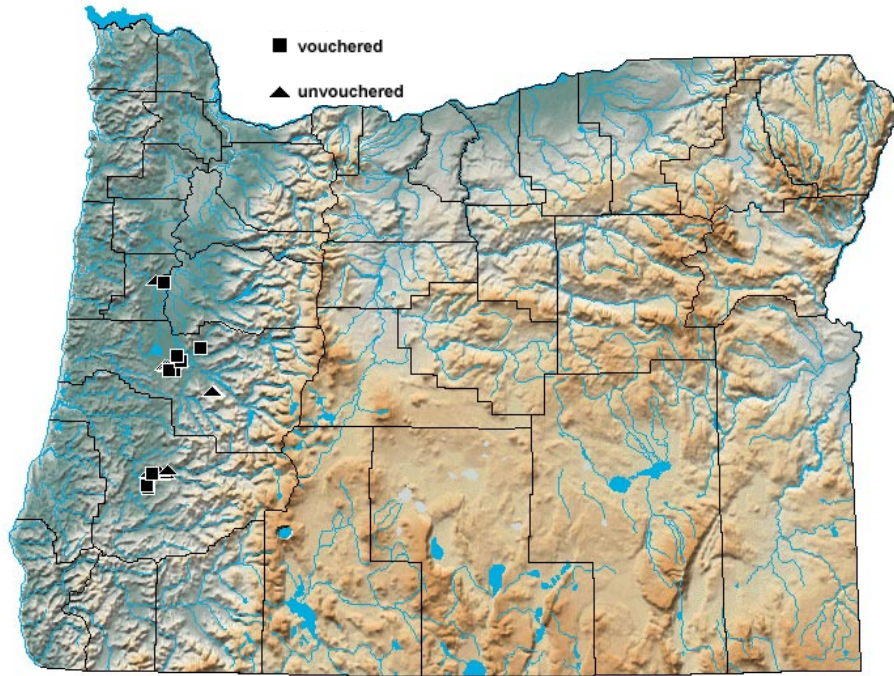


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PLANTS symbol: SIHI4

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Distribution: Endemic to Willamette and Umpqua Valleys.

Habitat: Prairies, oak savannas.

Elevation: 50—300 m

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

