Trifolium owyheense Fabaceae Owyhee clover

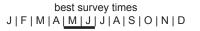




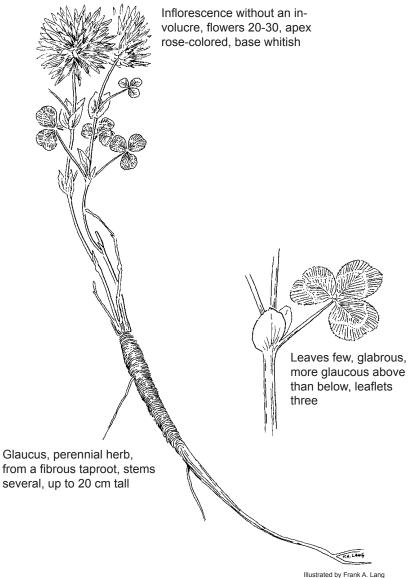
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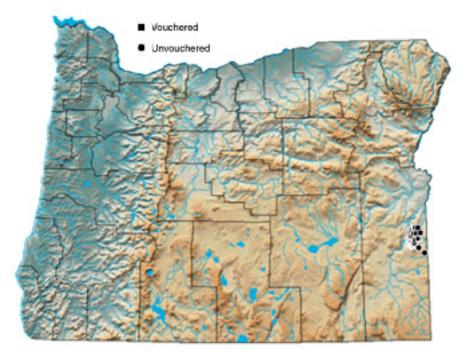
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Glaucous, perennial herb arising from a fibrous woody taproot. Stems several, spreading, reaching 20 cm in length. Leaves few, glabrous, more glaucous above than below; petioles 2.5 time the length of leaflets; leaflets three, thick, green with white crescents, 0.7-2.3 cm long. Inflorescence without an involucre, capitate, peduncle 3-5 cm long, heads 2.5-4 cm long, equally wide, round. Flowers 20-30, calyx 6-8 mm long; corolla 12-18 mm long, apex rose-colored, base whitish. Fruit a legume; seeds 2-3, elliptic, spotted.

Lookalikes Trifolium macrocephalum differs from featured plant by leaves having 5-6 leaflets.

Trifolium owyheense Gilkey

Owyhee clover PLANTS symbol: TROW *August 2019 status* Oregon:LE; ORBIC: List 1



Distribution: Central-eastern Malheur Co., Oregon and Owyhee Co. Idaho.

Habitat: Loose talus or volcanic ash slopes.

Elevation: 800-1700 m

Best survey time (in flower): May – June

Associated species:

Mimulus cusickii (Cusick's monkeyflower) Senecio ertterae (Ertter's ragwort) Mentzelia packardiae (Packard's blazingstar) Phacelia lutea (Yellow phacelia)









