

***Lessingia hololeuca* Greene**

WOOLLY-HEADED LESSINGIA

Asteraceae

Status:

CNPS Rare Plant Rank 3

Federal: unlisted

State: unlisted

State Rank: S3

Habitat: Alkali, clay, serpentinite, roadsides. Broadleaved upland forest, chaparral, coastal scrub, lower montane coniferous forest, valley and foothill grassland. 10-600 meters (33-1,969 feet)

Note: Populations in San Mateo and Santa Clara county occur on serpentine.



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Counties:

Alameda,
Monterey,
Marin, Napa,
Santa Clara,
San Mateo,
Solano,
Sonoma, Yolo

Life Form:

Dicot
annual herb

Bloom period:

June - October



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Key to our local *Lessingia* with white, pink, or lavender flowers

1. Phyllaries generally glabrous, rarely sparsely hairy, occasionally with stalked and/or bead-like sessile glands
2. Phyllary glands 0 or bead-like, sessile.....*Lessingia micradenia* var. *glabrata*
(SMOOTH LESSINGIA)
- 2' Phyllaries with stalked glands (not known to occur in San Mateo or Santa Clara county..... *Lessingia micradenia* var. *micradenia* (TAMALPAIS LESSINGIA)

- 1' Phyllaries sparsely hairy, tomentose, or woolly, occasionally with bead-like sessile glands
3. Basal leaves withered at flower; involucre 4–8 mm; style-branch appendage short-triangular; pappus generally < fruit (except in Sonoma Co.).....
.....*Lessingia arachnoidea* (CRYSTAL SPRINGS LESSINGIA)
- 3' Basal leaves generally persistent at flower; involucre (5)8–13 mm; style-branch appendage lanceolate; pappus >= fruit.....*Lessingia hololeuca*
(WOOLLY-HEADED LESSINGIA)