

***Sophora leachiana***

Fabaceae

Western sophora

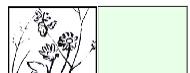
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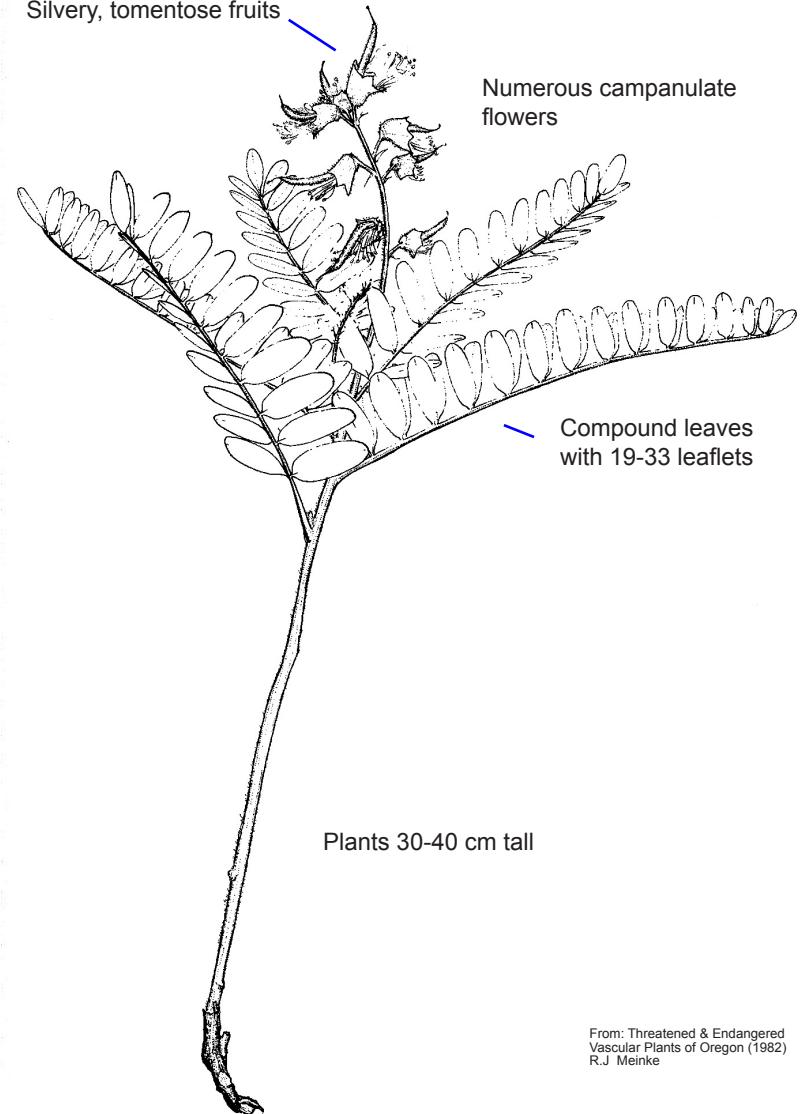


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Silvery, tomentose fruits

Numerous campanulate flowers



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Vascular Plants of Oregon (1982)  
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**Stems** mostly arising singly from elongated rootstock, usually branched, 30-40 cm tall, finely grayish tomentose. **Leaves** compound, 10-20 cm long, somewhat crowded near plant apex; leaflets 19-33, oblong, rounded at both ends, 1-2 cm long thin, villous-tomentose and paler beneath, thinly pubescent above. **Inflorescence** a solitary, terminal raceme 7-15 cm long; flowers numerous, campanulate and strongly gibbous above, teeth short and triangular, petals greenish-white. **Fruit** a strongly curved pod, several seeded and constricted between seeds, densely tomentose and silvery.

**Lookalikes**

*Sophora leachiana* is the only member of this genus in the Pacific Northwest, and is endemic to Josephine County, Oregon.

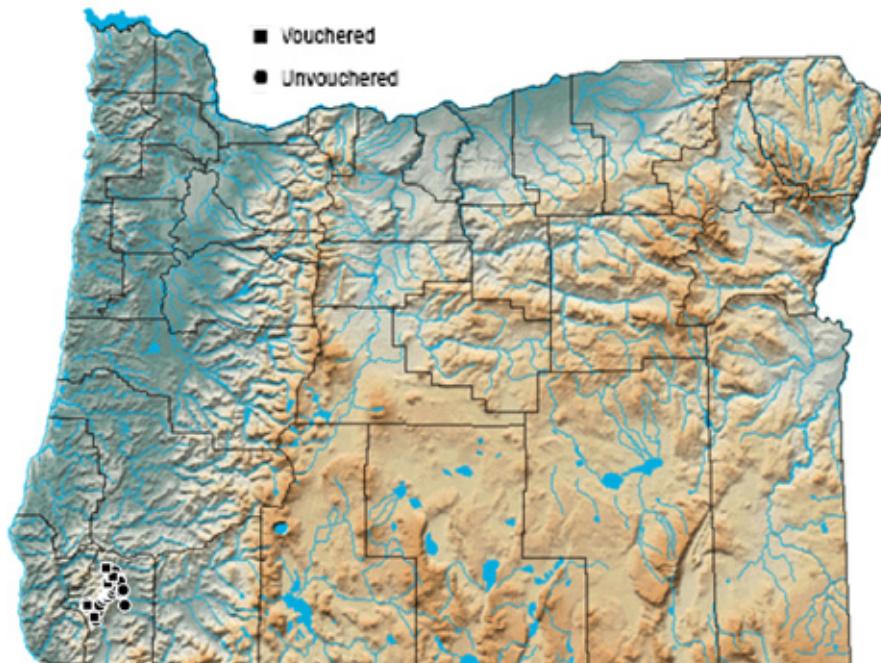
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# *Sophora leachiana* M. Peck

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**Distribution:** Josephine County, Oregon

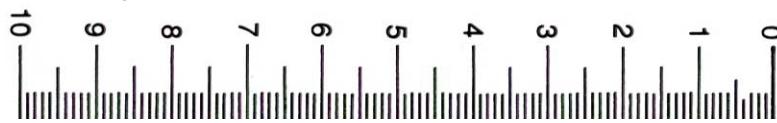
**Habitat:** Dry, open areas, open mixed woodlands, roadcuts and clearcuts.

**Elevation:** 100–800 m

**Best survey time (in flower):** Early May through early July

#### **Associated species:**

- Pseudotsuga menziesii* (Douglas fir)
- Chrysolepis chrysophylla* (Giant chinquapin)
- Arbutus menziesii* (Pacific madrone, madroño)
- Quercus chrysolepis* (Canyon live oak, Maul oak)
- Pinus jeffreyi* (Jeffrey pine)
- Quercus kelloggii* (California black oak)
- Pinus ponderosa* (Ponderosa pine)
- Viola spp.* (Violet)
- Calochortus spp.* (Mariposa lily)
- Solanum spp.* (Nightshade)



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