

## *Ranunculus triternatus*

Ranunculaceae

Obscure buttercup

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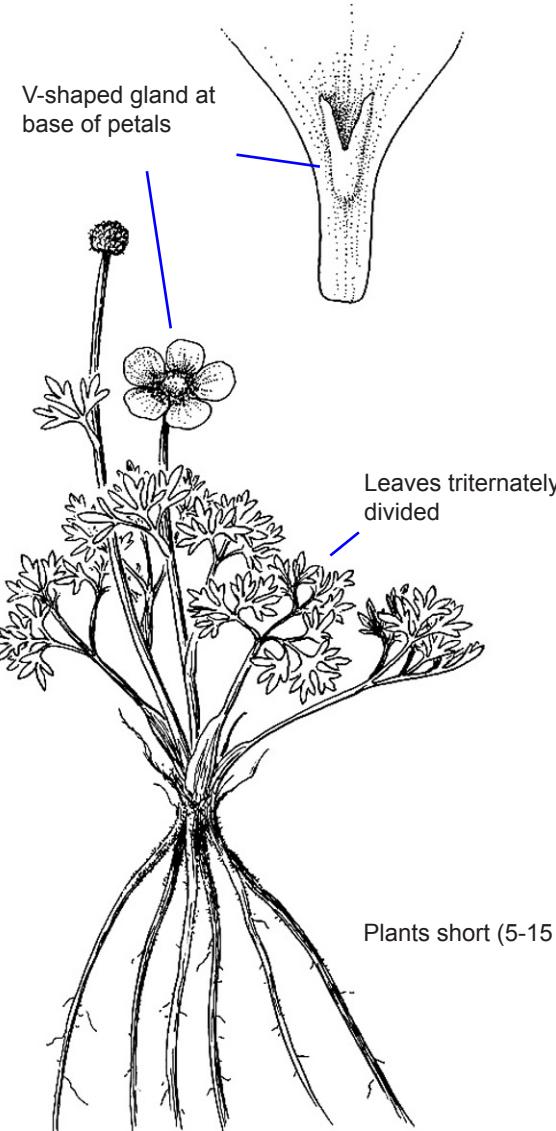


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PACIFIC NORTHWEST (1984)  
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**Plant** is a herbaceous perennial, glabrous, 5-15 cm tall, stems reclining. **Leaves** mostly basal; basal leaves triternately divided, finely dissected, primary divisions long petiolate, lobes filiform-linear to linear-spatulate, obtuse, dissected blade deltoid to reniform, caudine leaves similar. **Inflorescence** on nearly naked stalks, flowers yellow with 5 broadly ovate petals. **Fruits** are numerous small achenes.

**Lookalikes**  
*Ranunculus* spp.

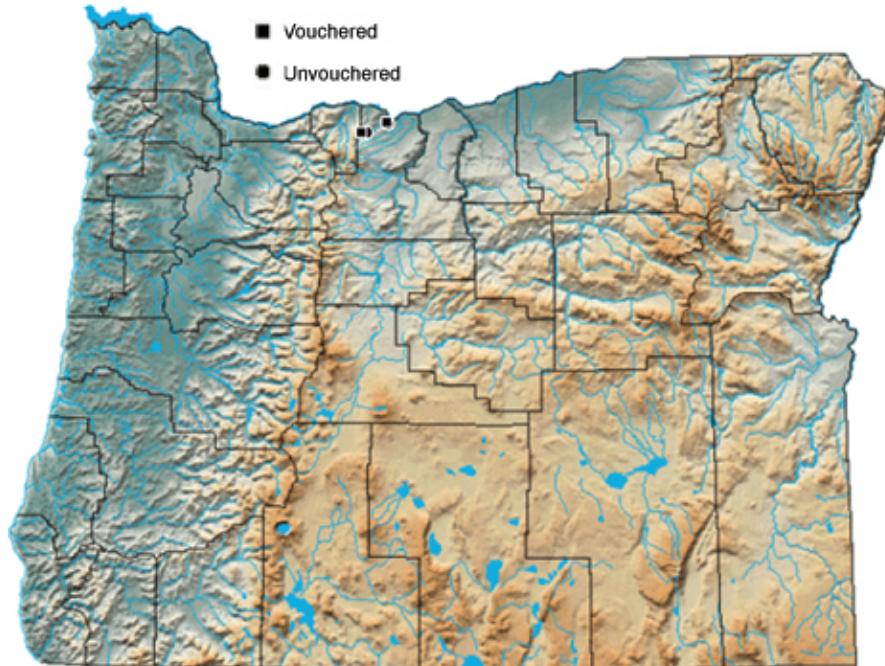
**differs from featured plant by**  
Featured plant differs from other *Ranunculus* species by its triternately divided leaves, and caudine leaves similar to basal leaves

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PLANTS symbol: RARE5

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**Distribution:** Wasco County, Oregon and Klickitat County, Washington.

**Habitat:** Well-drained sagebrush slopes.

**Elevation:** 900-1200 m

**Best survey time (in flower):** April-May

#### **Associated species:**

- Pseudoroegneria spicata* (Beardless bluebunch wheatgrass)
- Lomatium columbianum* (Purple lomatium)
- Lomatium dissectum* (Fernleaf biscuitroot)
- Heuchera cylindrica* (Roundleaf alumroot)
- Poa spp.* (Bluegrass)
- Bromus spp.* (Brome)
- Lithophragma spp.* (Woodland-star)
- Eriogonum spp.* (Buckwheat)



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