

# *Plagiobothrys hirtus*

Boraginaceae

Rough popcornflower

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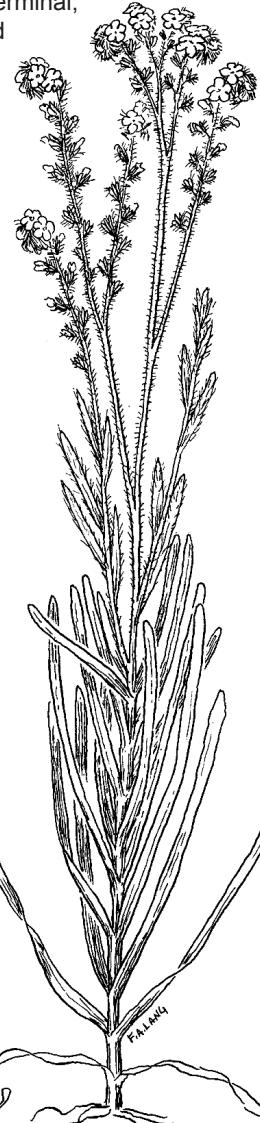


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best survey times  
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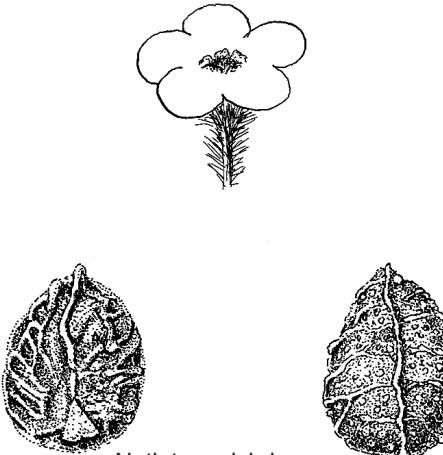


Racemes terminal,  
often paired



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Vascular Plants of Oregon (1982)  
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Flowers with hirsute calyx,  
white corolla



Nutlet grayish-brown,  
rugose, prominently  
keeled

Annual, erect herb. Stems stout, usually glabrous below, hispid above, 15-70 dm high. Leaves linear; lower leaves opposite, glabrous or sparsely ciliate, 2-8 cm long; upper leaves alternate, pubescent, 0.5-4 cm long. Inflorescence a raceme, coiled in bud, terminal, often in pairs; pedicels 1-2 mm long. Flower: calyx hirsute, 4-6 mm long in fruit; corolla white, 4-10 mm broad. Fruit a nutlet, ovate, approximately 2 mm long, grayish brown, rugose, prominently keeled.

Lookalikes

*Plagiobothrys scouleri*  
*Plagiobothrys figuratus*

differs from featured plant by

its small flowers and unpaired racemes.  
its oppressed pubescence, unlike *P. hirtus* which has widely spreading pubescence.

# *Plagiobothrys hirtus* (Greene) I.M. Johnst.

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PLANTS symbol: PLHI6

August 2019 status Federal:LE; Oregon:LE; ORBIC: List 1



**Distribution:** Umpqua Valley of Douglas Co., Oregon.

**Habitat:** Wet meadows and vernal pools.

**Elevation:** 0–400 m

**Best survey time (in flower):** Late May – June

#### **Associated species:**

*Camassia leichtlinii* (Large camas)

*Deschampsia cespitosa* (Tufted hairgrass)

*Beckmannia syzigachne* (American sloughgrass)



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