

P7 FOOLS ONION/
HYACINTH BRODIAEA

TRAITS: Native perennial forb, has tall onion-like stem. 1 or 2 narrow grass-like leaves about 40 cm long grow at plant base. Leaves dry up after plant flowers.

FLOWERS: White flowers with blue or green veins are attached to top of 25-70 cm flower stalk. Blooms late July through August.

HABITATS: Wet prairies, upland prairies.

EATEN BY: Adult Fender's blue butterfly feeds on the nectar of the Fools Onion.

"GEE WHIZ" As the name implies, the plant somewhat resembles an onion, but it has no onion flavor or smell.



P8 FRAGRANT POPCORNFLOWER

TRAITS: Native annual forb, 10-40 cm tall. One main stem that forks near top. Lower leaves are long and narrow in opposite pairs. Upper leaves are smaller and alternate. Leaves and stems are hairy.

FLOWERS: Long loosely clustered fragrant white flowers with yellow centers. Flowers grow 4 to 10 mm across. Blooms mid-May through early July. Flower produces four egg-shaped small nuts.

HABITATS: Wet prairies, especially vernal pools.

EATEN BY: Unknown

"GEE WHIZ": Popcornflower got its name because it can spread across large areas, creating fields of scattered white that appears to be popcorn.



P9 KINCAID'S LUPINE

TRAITS: Perennial native forb. Woody stems are upright, although smaller than other lupines. Lupine have palmate compound leaves with hairy undersides.

FLOWERS: Blue to violet flowers clusters along the main stem. Flowers produce pods with bean-like seeds. Blooms in June

HABITATS: Upland prairies (Other lupine species are in wet prairie.).

EATEN BY: The rare Fender's blue butterfly's larvae feed exclusively on the endangered Kincaid's lupine.

"GEE WHIZ": Pods open explosively throwing seeds far from the parent plant.



P10 COAST TARWEED (CHILEAN TARWEED)

TRAITS: Annual herb 20 to 100 cm tall. Stems and leaves are covered with scented gummy substance. Alternate, thin leaves.

FLOWERS: Yellow ray flowers (petals) are attached to a central yellow disc flower. Flowers may be single or grouped. Blooms July through August. Very fragrant.

HABITATS: Wet Prairie, disturbed sites.

EATEN BY: Unknown

“GEE WHIZ”: It was also a cultivated crop. Kalapuyan Natives used to collect and press oil from the seeds. Oil used in ceremonies.



P11 NOOTKA ROSE

TRAITS: Native shrub, 1 to 2 meters tall. Wiry stems with few or many thorns. Alternate, compound, serrated edged leaves.

FLOWERS: Light pink to deep rose colored flowers, about 2 to 4 cm across. Blooms from May through June. Flowers produce round orange-red rose hip.

HABITATS: Shrub, forested wetlands thickets.

EATEN BY: Birds and squirrels eat the hips. Deer eat the twigs and leaves. Rabbits chew the buds and bark.

“GEE WHIZ”: Natives seldom ate hips. Leaves used in cooking for flavoring. Rose hips are a good source of Vitamin C and can be made into jam.



P12 NORTHWEST CINQUEFOIL

TRAITS: Native perennial forb, 40 to 80 cm tall, covered with silky hairs. Several tall stems. Palmate compound leaves grow from base of plant. Leaflets have serrated edges.

FLOWERS: Pale to deep yellow, saucer-shaped flowers clustered together at the top of the stems. Blooms May to mid-June.

HABITATS: Wet prairies.

EATEN BY: Important nectar plant for native bees.

“GEE WHIZ”: Unknown

