Botrychium pumicola Ophioglossaceae

Pumice grape-fern



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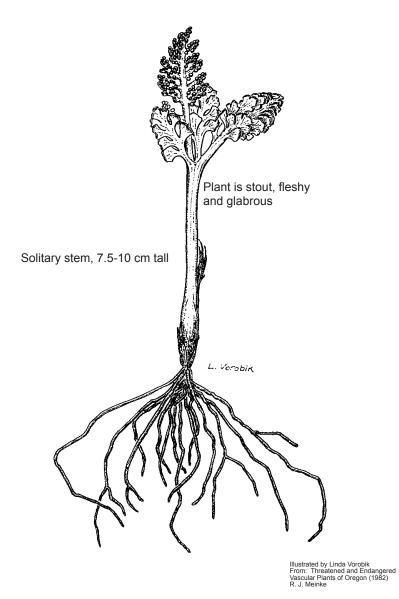


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Lookalikes Botrychium simplex

differs from featured plant by plant not glaucous and fan-shaped pinnae

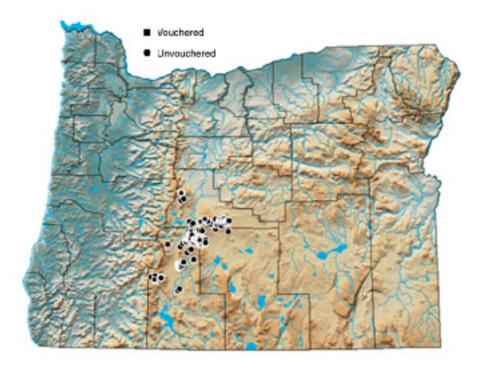


Stout, fleshy, glabrous, deciduous, perennial herb from vertical rhizomes. Stem solitary 7.5-22 cm tall, 2-3.5 mm wide. Leaf bases from previous years forming a reddish-brown sheath on lower half of the plant. Sterile leaf blades 1-2, glaucous, leathery, nearly sessile, 2-5 cm long, 1-3 cm wide; ternate, the lateral segments one half to two thirds the length of the middle. All segments pinnately divided, imbricate, fan-shaped or obovate; pinnae cuneate. Spore-bearing stalk 1-1.5 times the length of the sterile leaf, sessile or short stalked, compact, 1-3 pinnate; sporangia 0.8 mm in diameter.

Botrychium pumicola Coville ex Underw.

Pumice grape-fern PLANTS symbol: BOPU2

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Distribution: Newberry Volcano, Broken Top Mountain, Mount Bachelor summit, Crater lake rim, montane sites in Klamath and Deschutes Counties.

Habitat: Loose volcanic soil, frost pockets and lodgepole pine basins.

Elevation: 1200—2800 m

Best survey time (in flower): July-August

Associated species:

Penstemon davidsonii (Davidson's penstemon) Juniperus communis (Common juniper) Phacelia hastata (Silverleaf phacelia) Raillardella argentea (Silky railladella) Lupinus lepidus (Dwarf lupine)

