

ALLIUM Linnaeus

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Bulb coat reticulations are frequently important in identification; they are best viewed on the inner surface of the outer coats. Descriptions of reticulations assume 10X magnification.

Allium membranaceum Ownbey ex Traub, Papery Onion, was collected in Jackson County in 2010. It may be a waif. It grows in California.

Allium cepa L., Cultivated Onion, occurs as a waif near onion fields and along dirt roads on which they are transported. It is also known from the wild in California and Washington.

1. Inflorescence mostly consisting of bulbils, flowers few.
 2. Leaf blades solid, 6-30 cm long; range E of Cascades..... *A. geyeri* var. *tenerum*
 - 2' Leaf blades hollow below middle, 20-60 cm long; range W of Cascades.....
.....*A. vineale*
- 1' Inflorescence mostly consisting of flowers, bulbils absent or few.
 3. Inflorescence nodding at anthesis and thereafter; ovary strongly crested; stamens exerted. *A. cernuum*
 - 3' Inflorescence erect at anthesis and thereafter; ovary crested or not; stamens exerted or not.
 4. Leaf blades terete to subterete, or folded and narrowly channeled in cross section, not falcate.
 5. Leaves 1 per scape.
 6. Scapes 5-15 cm long; stamens shorter than tepals; range SE Oregon.
..... *A. nevadense*
 - 6' Scapes 18-60 cm long; stamens equaling or longer than tepals; range SW Oregon. *A. sanbornii* var. *sanbornii*
 - 5' Leaves usually 2 or more per scape.
 7. Tepals 5-8(9) mm long, spreading from base; ovary crests +/- conspicuous, triangular. *A. amplexans*
 - 7' Tepals (7)9-15 mm long, erect; ovary crests absent or obscure.
 8. Umbel compact; pedicels much shorter than flowers; range Willamette Valley and Columbia Basin *A. schoenoprasum*
 - 8' Umbel more open; pedicels longer than flowers; range various.
 9. Tepals +/- equal in length; outer bulb coats with obscure reticulum; umbel 10-20 - flowered; range Klamath Mts. . *A. bolanderi*

- 9' Tepals unequal, the outer longer than the inner; outer bulb coats with distinct reticulum; umbel (5)15-40 - flowered; range various.
 - 10. Outer bulb coat reticulations square to polygonal, with thickened walls; range various..... *A. acuminatum*
 - 10' Outer bulb coat reticulations transversely elongate and forming a herringbone pattern, without thickened walls; range southern Cascades; uncommon.
..... *A. peninsulare* var. *peninsulare*
- 4' Leaf blades flat or broadly channeled in cross section, sometimes falcate.
 - 11. Scapes sharply 3-angled in cross section; range near the coast; uncommon.
..... *A. triquetrum*
 - 11' Scapes round to flattened in cross section, not sharply 3-angled, sometimes winged; range various.
 - 12. Scapes round or only slightly compressed in cross section, sometimes very narrowly winged.
 - 13. Umbel 75-500 - flowered; scapes (45)60-180 cm tall; uncommon introductions of Willamette Valley and Oregon Coast.
 - 14. Tepals 6-9 mm; leaves 3-6. *A. nigrum*
 - 14' Tepals 4-5.5 mm; leaves 6-9. *A. ampeloprasum*
 - 13' Umbel 10-75 - flowered; scapes 1.6-80 cm tall; range various.
 - 15. Stamens +/- equaling tepals or exerted.
 - 16. Leaf blades usually more than 5 mm wide, flat; umbel 25-75 – flowered; spathe bracts 3. *A. douglasii*
 - 16' Leaf blades 2-3 mm wide, flat to channeled; umbel 10-40(60) – flowered; spathe bracts 2.
 - 17. Outer bulb coat with quadrate to polygonal reticulations; leaf blade < to +/- equaling scape; range north-central Oregon...
..... *A. nevii*
 - 17' Outer bulb coat without reticulations or with 2-3 rows adjacent to roots; leaf blade usually exceeding scape; range widespread east of Cascades..... *A. macrum*
 - 15' Stamens much shorter than tepals.
 - 18. Stigma usually with 3 short lobes; outer bulb coat reticulations distinct, forming a herringbone pattern; range southern Cascades; uncommon. *A. peninsulare* var. *peninsulare*
 - 18' Stigma not, or slightly lobed at 10X; outer bulb coat reticulations (if evident) hexagonal to transversely elongate, sometimes contorted; range various.

19. Ovary conspicuously crested with 6 triangular processes; tepals generally spreading from base; range east of Cascades from the southern Blue Mts south.
20. Tepals generally less than 7 mm long, usually papery in fruit, the tips rarely with strongly involute margins or a pronounced keel; leaves commonly withering by anthesis.
..... *A. campanulatum*
- 20' Tepals generally greater than 7 mm long, rigid in fruit, tips strongly involute, usually with a pronounced keel; leaves usually green at anthesis..... *A. bisceptrum*
- 19' Ovary crests absent or inconspicuous; tepals usually not spreading from base; range various.
21. Tepals generally at least 11 mm long; pedicels (15)20-40 mm long; known from 2 locations in western Oregon.....
.....*A. unifolium*
- 21' Tepals generally less than 11 mm long; pedicels generally less than 15(25) mm long; range Blue Mts and SW Oregon.
22. Leaves 3-5; tepal midveins usually inconspicuous.....
..... *A. geyeri* var. *geyeri*
- 22' Leaves 1-2; tepal midveins prominent.
23. Tepals oblong-elliptic, apices obtuse; leaves 1.5-4 times the length of the scape; range SW Oregon.
.....*A. obtusum* var. *obtusum*
- 23' Tepals lanceolate to elliptic, apices acute to acuminate; leaves usually less than twice the length of the scape; range Blue Mts.
24. Larger bulbs with a cluster of basal bulbils; outer bulb coat reticulations often absent, or if present, obscure and contorted..... *A. madidum*
- 24' Bulbs without basal bulbils or rarely with 1 or 2; outer bulb coat reticulations usually evident, contorted to hexagonal or transversely elongate.
25. Outer bulb coat reticulations contorted; ovary obscurely crested.*A. fibrillum*
- 25' Outer bulb coat reticulations usually distinct, +/- hexagonal to transversely elongate; ovary rarely at all crested..... *A. brandegeei*
- 12' Scapes flattened or moderately compressed, often winged.

26. Scapes 30-70 cm tall; leaves 3-6; strongly rhizomatous plants of swampy meadows.....*A. validum*
- 26' Scapes 3-25 cm tall; leaves 1-2; plants may or may not have rhizomes; diverse, seasonally wet to moist habitats.
27. Umbel compact; pedicels usually much shorter than flowers; leaves 1-3(4) mm wide; sand and gravel deposits and sandy slopes along the Columbia River; possibly extirpated from Oregon.....*A. robinsonii*
- 27' Umbel open; pedicels usually equal to or greater than flowers; leaves 1-18 mm wide; diverse habitats, not sand and gravel deposits and sandy slopes along the Columbia River.
28. Leaves (6)9-18 mm wide, strongly falcate; umbels 30-90 – flowered; stamens exerted; local in south-central Oregon.....
.....*A. platycaule*
- 28' Leaves 1-8(10) mm wide, falcate or not; umbels 5-60 – flowered; stamens included to exerted; range various.
29. Stamens equaling tepals or exerted; range SE Oregon.
30. Tepals linear to lance-linear, >4x as long as wide; scape 5-15 cm tall. *A. anceps*
- 30' Tepals lanceolate, <4x as long as wide; scape (6)10-20 cm tall.....*A. lemmonii*
- 29' Stamens much shorter than tepals; range various.
31. Range W of Cascades.
32. At least inner tepal margins finely denticulate; range SW Oregon.
33. Tepals (10)11-19 mm long; scape 5-20 cm tall.
..... *A. falcifolium*
- 33' Tepals 6-10(11) mm long; scape 3-8 cm tall
..... *A. siskiyouense*
- 32' Tepal margins entire; range various.
34. Bulbs oblique or oblique-ovoid, renewal bulbs borne on rhizomes; tepals usually spreading from base at anthesis; leaf and scape margins sometimes crenulate-denticulate..... *A. crenulatum*
- 34' Bulbs ovoid to globose, rhizomes absent, renewal bulbs formed within coats of parent bulb; tepals ascending to erect, sometimes spreading from tips at anthesis; leaf and scape margins not crenulate-denticulate.

35. Tepals often spreading at midlength, narrowly lanceolate to ovate, apices obtuse to acute, keeled in fruit; umbels 10 -35 – flowered. *A. siskiyouense*
- 35' Tepals erect, broadly lanceolate to ovate, apices obtuse, not keeled in fruit; umbels 5-20(25) – flowered. *A. parvum*
- 31' Range E of Cascades.
36. Pedicels 10-25 mm; umbels (10)20-60 - flowered; tepals lanceolate, apices acute to acuminate, spreading, the margins involute and the midrib prominent.....
..... *A. tolmiei* var. *tolmiei*
- 36' Pedicels 3-12 mm; umbels 5-30 - flowered; tepals widely lanceolate to ovate, apices obtuse to acute, generally not spreading; midrib not prominent.
37. Outer bulb coats with transverse elongate reticulations..... *A. punctum*
- 37' Outer bulb coats not cellular-reticulate or with 2-3 rows adjacent to roots..... *A. parvum*