

Plants 2-10 cm tall

Scientific Name: Phacelia minutissima L.F. Henderson

Bibliographic Reference: Henderson, 1900. Bull. Torr. Bot. Club 27: 351.

Common Name: Least phacelia

Family (Common Name): Hydrophyllaceae (Waterleaf Family)

Synonyms: P. foliosepala Nels. & Macbr.

Idaho Native Plant Society Category: Global Priority 3

Natural Heritage Program Rank: S2

Distribution: Camas and Owyhee counties, Idaho; and disjunct localities in Elko County, Nevada, Wallowa Mts. of Oregon and c Washington.

Habitat: Moist understory of *Veratrum californicum*, aspen and tall forb communities in meadows, especially snow bank areas, 1800-2100 m elevation.

Phenology: April through July.

Look-alikes: The only annual *Phacelia* of moist habitats in Idaho. Recognized by the unequal fruiting calyx lobes (one or more often foliaceous), mostly cauline leaves, an inflorescence terminating the stem, and making up most of the plant height, and the inconspicuous (2.5-4 mm long) lavender, tubular-campanulate corolla.



Closeup of Phacelia minutissima

Duane Atwood



Habitat of Phacelia minutissima

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Species Distribution