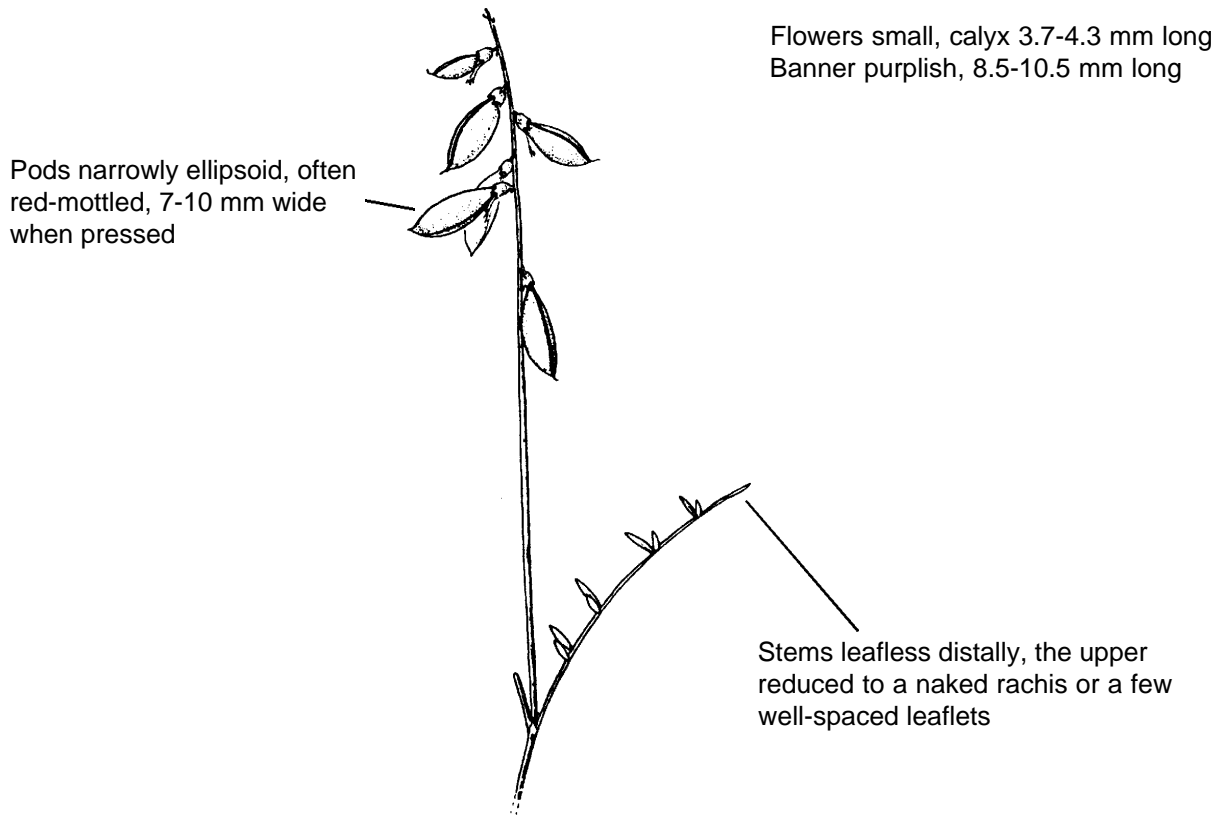


Packard's milkvetch

Astragalus cusickii var. *packardiae*



Scientific Name: *Astragalus cusickii* A. Gray var. *packardiae* Barneby

Bibliographic Reference: Barneby, 1989. Interm. Fl. 3b:78-80.

Common Name: Packard's milkvetch

Family (Common Name): Fabaceae or Leguminosae (Pea Family)

Synonyms: None

Idaho Native Plant Society Category: Global Priority 1

Natural Heritage Program Rank: S1

Distribution: Endemic to the tributaries of Big and Little Willow Creek, Payette County, Idaho.

Habitat: Sparsely vegetated light colored soils. Usually associated with Wyoming sagebrush, at ca 850 m elevation.

Phenology: May through July.

Look-alikes: Most closely related to var. *cusickii* but with smaller purplish flowers, the calyx 3.7- 4.3 mm long, the purplish banner 8.5-10.5 mm long, narrowly ellipsoid, often red-mottled pods 7-10 mm wide when pressed, the stems leafless distally with the upper leaves reduced to a naked rachis or a few well-spaced leaflets.



Closeup of *Astragalus cusickii* var. *packardiae*

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Habitat of *Astragalus cusickii* var. *packardiae*

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