Davis peppergrass Lepidium davisii

No illustration

Scientific Name: Lepidium davisii Rollins

Bibliographic Reference: Rollins, 1946. Madroño 9: 164.

Common Name: Davis peppergrass

Family (Common Name): Brassicaceae or Cruciferae (Mustard Family) **Synonyms:** *L. montanum* Nutt. ex T. & G. ssp. *davisii* (Rollins) C.L. Hitchc.

Idaho Native Plant Society Category: Global Priority 3

Natural Heritage Program Rank: S3

Distribution: Ada, Elmore, Owyhee, and Twin Falls counties, Idaho; Malheur County, Oregon and n Elko

County, Nevada.

Habitat: Mostly barren hard bottom playas, but sometimes with a few shadscale and silver sage plants, surrounded by Wyoming big sage, four-wing saltbush and sandberg bluegrass habitat, from 885-1800 m elevation.

Phenology: April to August.

Look-alikes: Similar to *L. montanum* but differing from this species in having fleshy entire leaves, a thick taproot 0.5-2 cm thick and very numerous stems from a much-branched caudex (sometimes woody).



Closeup of Lepidium davisii

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Habitat of Lepidium davisii

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Species Distribution