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sagebrush (*Artemisia ludoviciana* var. *latiloba*), blue-eyed Mary (*Collinsia parviflora*), Clearwater cryptantha (*Cryptantha intermedia*), common woolly sunflower (*Eriophyllum lanatum*), Cascade desert parsley (*Lomatium martindalei* var. *flavum*), silky phacelia (*Phacelia sericea*), Pacific stonecrop (*Sedum divergens*), and hookedspur violet (*Viola adunca* var. *adunca*).

Ecology: The taxon is found on south-west facing ridgetops where snow is removed early due to wind and sun exposure. Populations in Washington were found on a variety of rocks substrates including slate, phyllite, sandstone, limestone, calcite and basalt. The only consistently present rock is limestone and/or calcite (Buckingham 1981).

State Status Comments: There are fewer than five documented occurrences of this endemic taxon in the Olympic Mountains.

Inventory Needs: Known sites should be revisited in late summer when seedpods have developed in order to monitor insect damage.

Threats and Management Concerns: Threats include insect infestation of seedpods, and trampling from hikers, goats, deer, rabbit and bears. Insect damage may leave plants more susceptible to impact from people or natural causes.

Comments: Hitchcock et al. (1961) refer to this species as *Oxytropis viscida* Nutt.

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