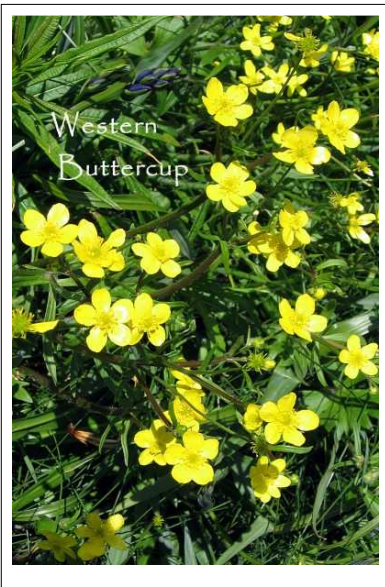


Native Plant Spotlight by Krys Kirkwood

Ranunculus occidentalis—Western Buttercup



Not to be confused with the non-native, invasive species of *Ranunculus repens*—Creeping Buttercup. Western Buttercup is a common spring perennial that grows 6-30 inches in height. You can find it growing in moist meadows, grassy slopes, coastal bluffs, sea-bird islands, open or shaded forest, and clearings; from sea-level to subalpine elevations. The plant is upright, usually branched with 1/2-1 inch wide flowers that have 5-6 petals. You'll even find it mixed with other wildflowers (like camas, shooting star, and fawn lily) in open fields.

Lonicera ciliosa—Western Honeysuckle, Orange Honeysuckle



This is a trailing to climbing, widely branching vine, sometimes reaching a height of 19 feet. It is a deciduous perennial that blooms late spring to early summer with orange-yellow, narrowly trumpet-shaped flowers. Unfortunately, this cousin of the ever popular garden cultivar is not fragrant; but the hummingbirds do love to visit it for its nectar. You can find Orange Honeysuckle growing in woods and thickets, from sea level to middle elevations. It tends to be a little uncommon, but once you've seen it, you'll be able to spot it in bloom among the snowberry shrubs.

I strongly urge leaving any of our native plants undisturbed. Enjoy them in their natural environment. Seek out nurseries and professionals who sell and/or deal with natives if you are wanting to add any to your garden.

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