

***Lessingia micradenia* Greene var. *glabrata***

(D.D. Keck) Ferris

SMOOTH LESSINGIA

Asteraceae

**Status:**

CNPS Rare Plant Rank 1B.2

Federal: unlisted

State: unlisted

State Rank: S2

**Habitat:** Serpentine and Santa Clara County endemic. Often gravelly roadcuts. Chaparral, cismontane woodland, grassland. 100-500 meters (328-1,640 feet)

**Counties:**  
**Santa Clara**



**Life Form:**  
Dicot  
annual herb

**Bloom period:**  
July - November



Phyllaries generally glabrous, rarely sparsely hairy

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Key to our local *Lessingia* with white, pink, or lavender flowers

1. Phyllaries generally glabrous, rarely sparsely hairy, occasionally with stalked and/or bead-like sessile glands
2. Phyllary glands 0 or bead-like, sessile.....*Lessingia micradenia* var. *glabrata*  
(SMOOTH LESSINGIA)
- 2' Phyllaries with stalked glands (not known to occur in San Mateo or Santa Clara county..... *Lessingia micradenia* var. *micradenia* (TAMALPAIS LESSINGIA)
  
- 1' Phyllaries sparsely hairy, tomentose, or woolly, occasionally with bead-like sessile glands
3. Basal leaves withered at flower; involucre 4–8 mm; style-branch appendage short-triangular; pappus generally < fruit (except in Sonoma Co.).....  
.....*Lessingia arachnoidea* (CRYSTAL SPRINGS LESSINGIA)
- 3' Basal leaves generally persistent at flower; involucre (5)8–13 mm; style-branch appendage lanceolate; pappus  $\geq$  fruit.....*Lessingia hololeuca*  
(WOOLLY-HEADED LESSINGIA)