***Aleciella triodon***

**Update December 30, 2021**

**Beth Corbin**

**Current Status:** S1 Rare – Added to the Idaho Rare Plant List at the 2020 Rare Plant Conference. See the February 27, 2019 Species Account. This ranking was based on two Owyhee (Or Ada) county specimens (CIC Mansfield 06-42 and UBC Bjork 10989 & 11000).

**Update:** However, Don Mansfield recently determined that his specimen 06-42 (and similar Oregon specimens) were not *A. triodon*, but *A. lepteomeria*. The specimen has been annotated accordingly. He is convinced that *A. triodon* does not occur in our area, based on the draft FNA treatment descriptions. Although the Bjork specimen was not seen, we are assuming that Bjork’s concept in identifying it as such was the same as was previously used to identify the Mansfield collection, and thus the Bjork specimen is nearly certainly also *A. leptomeria*.

As noted in 2019 and 2020 – It is difficult to distinguish from *A. leptomeria*. The identifications in 2019 were based interpretation of the narrowed corolla throat prior to the appearance of the draft FNA treatment.

But based on additional review of the Jepson Flora and draft FNA treatments, Don Mansfield (in consultation with Ken Chambers, author of *Aliciella* for the Oregon Flora) now believes that all Owyhee specimens (and eastern Oregon) are actually *A. leptomeria* (perhaps allotetraploids) rather than *A. triodon*. This is based on the degree of narrowness of the corolla throat and the nature of the petal lobing.

The FNA draft of *Aliciella* does not include Idaho or Oregon within the range of *A. triodon*.

**Recommendation:** Remove from Idaho Rare Plant List because there are now no verified Idaho records. Recommend that BLM remove from Special Status.

**This update was presented at the December 8, 2021 SIRPWG meeting (see powerpoint). The SIRPWG recommends that we remove the S1 ranking and remove *Aliciella triodon* from the Rare Plant list because there are no verified Idaho records.**