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CAMPANULA APARINOIDES
MARSH BELLFLOWER
Family: Campanulaceae

Status:

US Fish & Wildlife Service: None.

Agency Status: None.

Heritage Rank:

Global: G5 State: S1

WYNDD Plant List: Peripheral

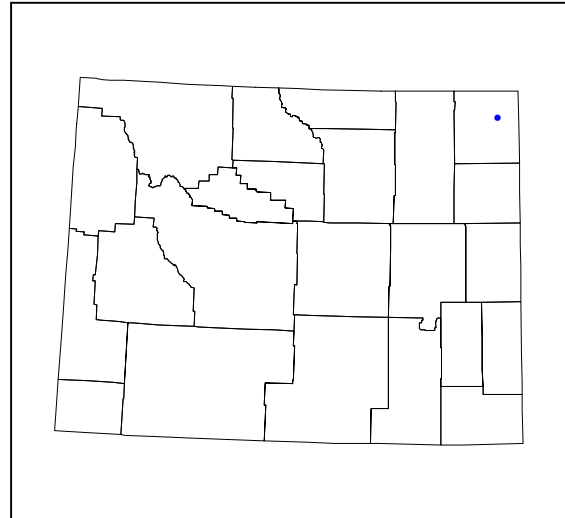
Description: Marsh bellflower is a rhizomatous perennial herb with slender, reclining, leafy, slightly scabrous stems 15-50 cm long that branch above the middle. Leaves are alternate, linear to linear-oblongate, 1-4.5 cm long x 1-5 mm wide and become increasingly smaller higher up the stem. Leaf margins are entire to finely serrate. Flowers occur singly on slender stalks. Calyx lobes are less than 3 mm long. The bell-shaped corolla is pale blue to white, 3-8 mm long, and 5 lobed. Fruits are capsules 2-3 mm long (Great Plains Flora Association; Gleason and Cronquist 1991).

Similar Species: *Campanula rotundifolia* has erect stems, broader stem leaves, deep blue flowers over 10 mm long, and calyx lobes over 4 mm long.

Flowering/Fruiting Period: July-August.

Distribution: Southern Ontario to Minnesota and northeast Wyoming, south to Florida and Oklahoma. In Wyoming, known only from the Black Hills in Crook County.

Habitat: Rangewide, this species is found in open woods, streambanks and wetlands. In Wyoming, populations occur in wet meadows associated with beaver ponds at 4700 feet.



Wyoming distribution of *Campanula aparinoides*.

Occurrences in Wyoming: Known from a single occurrence in Wyoming, first discovered in 1980.

Abundance: Not known, but presumed to be small given the limited range of the species in Wyoming.

Trends: Not known.

Protection status: All known populations are on public lands managed for multiple use.

Threats: Not known.

Managed Areas: Occurs in Black Hills National Forest.

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