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*DRABA SPECTABILIS* VAR. *OXYLOBA*  
SHOWY DRABA  
Family: Brassicaceae

Status:

US Fish & Wildlife Service: None.

Agency Status: None.

Heritage Rank:

Global: G3?T3Q State: S1

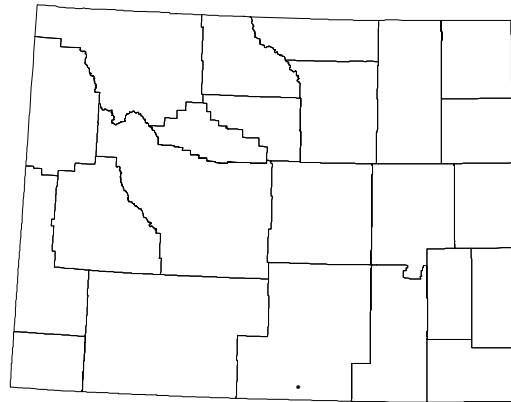
WYNDD Plant List: Regional endemic  
(Medium conservation priority)

Description: Showy draba is a perennial herb with a branched caudex and 1-several stems 10-40 cm tall. The stems are pubescent throughout, with the hairs on the lower stem appressed and cross-shaped or dolabriform (shaped like the head of a pick-axe). Basal leaves are in a rosette and have petioled blades 15-40 mm long with sparse pubescence of simple, forked, or cross-shaped hairs. Stem leaves are alternate, sessile, ovate to lance-shaped, toothed, and 5-20 mm long. The elongated inflorescence consists of 30-60 4-petaled yellow flowers. Fruits are glabrous to slightly pubescent linear to ovate siliques with styles 1-3.5 mm long. (Rollins 1993, Hitchcock 1941, Dorn 1992).

Similar Species: *Draba streptocarpa* and *D. aurea* have pubescent lower stems with mostly spreading simple or forked hairs. *D. praealta* has styles less than 0.3 mm long (Dorn 1992).

Flowering/Fruiting Period: June-August.

Distribution: Regional endemic of southern Wyoming and Colorado. In Wyoming, known only from the Sierra Madre in Carbon County.



Wyoming distribution of *Draba spectabilis* var. *oxyloba*.

Habitat: Moist montane meadows, spruce-fir forests, and willow thickets at 8900 feet (Rollins 1993).

Occurrences in Wyoming: Known from a single record in Wyoming, last observed in 1966.

Abundance: Not known.

Trends: Not known.

Protection status: The single known occurrence is found near the boundary of the Huston Park Wilderness Area.

Threats: Not known.

Managed Areas: Occurs on Medicine Bow National Forest.

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