**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. praetallata* 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.

**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.

**References:**  


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