

HEUCHERA LONGIFLORA Rydberg in Britton  
Long-flowered Alumroot

FAMILY: Saxifragaceae

HABIT: Herbaceous perennial from a long taproot, flowering scapes to 90 cm; flowering late May-June, fruiting July-August.

SIMILAR SPECIES: This species is distinctive when in bloom. Two characters set it apart from other alumroots in Ohio: a long, tubular calyx and white to pink petals that close the mouth of the flower. Non-flowering rosettes, however, cannot be identified with certainty.

TOTAL RANGE: Mountains of e. KY, s. WV, and sw. VA to NC and AL.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): Post-1980 records are from Adams and Scioto counties.

HABITAT: Shaded calcareous exposures and rocky woods.

HAZARDS: Drying out of habitat after deforestation.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Probably good, because of the deep-seated taproot.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: The distinctive shape of the flower is most easily seen when fresh. Press specimens with care to preserve flower shape as much as possible. Non-flowering rosettes should not be counted in assessing population size.

COMMENTS: This species is conspicuous and easily identified when in bloom. Otherwise, it may be overlooked. There is a good deal of appropriate habitat for this species in southern Ohio. A survey during the blooming period likely may rediscover this species in Ohio.

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