

SCUTELLARIA SAXATILIS Riddell
Rock Skullcap

FAMILY: Lamiaceae

HABIT: Herbaceous perennial with decumbent stems 2-5 dm.; flowering June-September; fruiting July-October.

SIMILAR SPECIES: The genus *Scutellaria* is very distinctive and easily identified by the protuberance on the upper lip of the corolla. This species might be confused with *Scutellaria ovata*, which has much longer leaves and is not decumbent.

TOTAL RANGE: DE to OH and s. IN, s. to SC and TN.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): There are post-1980 records from Adams, Gallia, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Scioto, Vinton, and Washington Counties. There are pre-1980 records from Columbiana, Hocking, and Jefferson County. In addition, Epling (1942) lists a Ross County record.

HABITAT: In semi-shade; most Ohio collections are from dry woods; occasionally in moist areas along streams.

HAZARDS: Unknown, perhaps exposure to sunlight after logging.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown, probably poor.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect complete, mature flowering material.

COMMENTS: This species is certainly not common in Ohio, but is rather inconspicuous and may be overlooked. It should be sought in southeastern Ohio.

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