

PORTERANTHUS TRIFOLIATUS (L.) Britton  
Bowman's-root

FAMILY: Rosaceae

SYNONYMS: *Gillenia trifoliata* (L.) Moench

HABIT: Erect, rhizomatous, herbaceous perennial, 4-10 dm.; flowering May, June; fruiting June-August.

SIMILAR SPECIES: The trifoliate, subsessile, cauline leaves of this species are suggestive of the obviously petioled, trifoliate cauline leaves of some species of *Geum*.

TOTAL RANGE: s. Ontario to DE, NC, and GA, w. to e. OH, e. KY, and AL, and irregularly to s. MI, s. IL, and s. MO.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): There are post-1980 records from Carroll, Columbiana, and Jefferson Counties. There are pre-1980 collections from 3 other counties: Lake, Mahoning, and Trumbull counties.

HABITAT: Dry or moist upland woods and clearings, wooded cliffs, slopes, and roadbanks.

HAZARDS: Overshading by woody species.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown; presumably good due to perennial habit.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect mature flowering or fruiting material.

COMMENTS: This species seems to be very localized in Ohio. It is fairly conspicuous and easily identified. The state range, then, may be accurately known.

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