

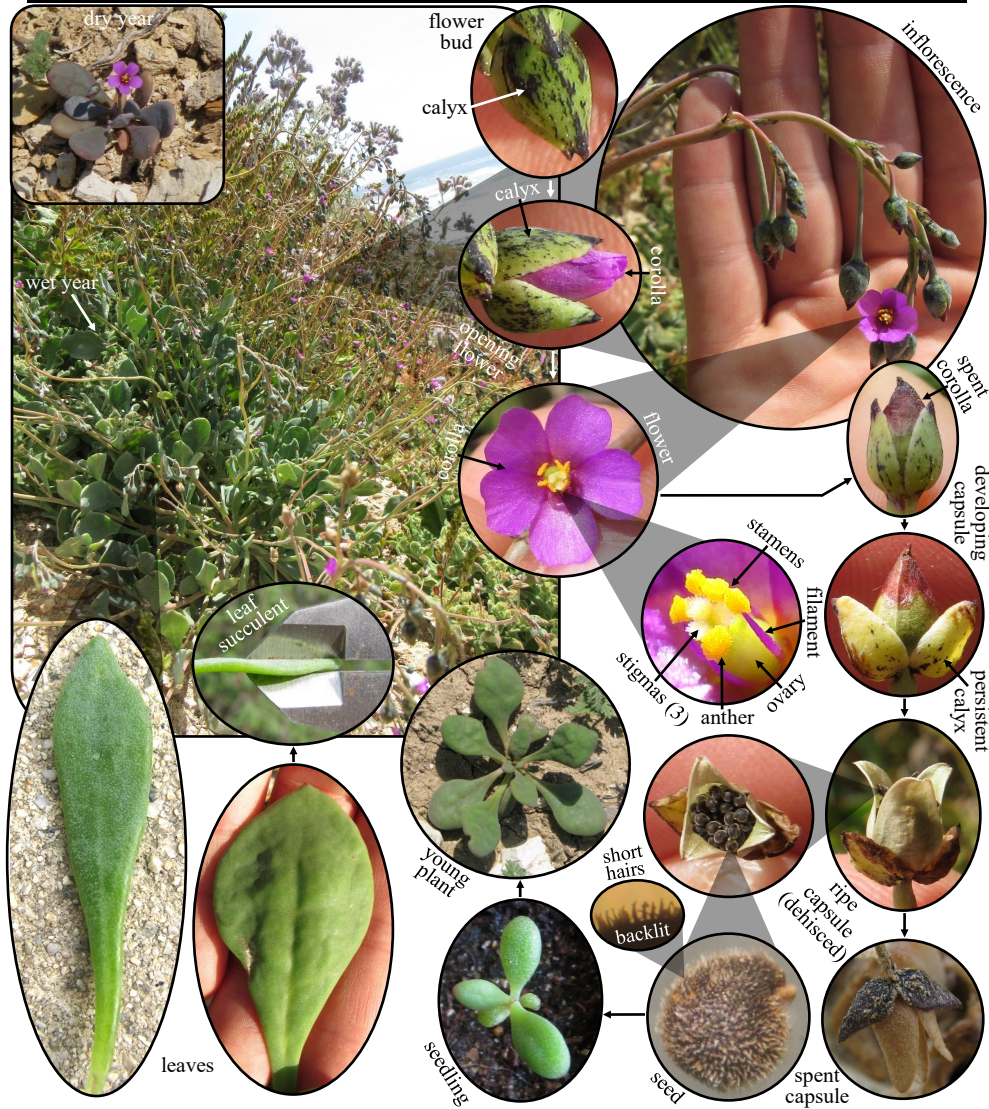
Seaside Calandrinia (*Cistanthe maritima*)

Order: Caryophyllales

Family: Montiaceae (Miner's Lettuce Family)

Flowers: March - April

Cistanthe maritima is an annual herbaceous plant. It is found along the coastal bluffs of the peninsula. The leaves of this plant are glabrous, obovate to widely spoon shaped, and are generally succulent. The flowers have 2 sepals that are greenish and can be covered in dark splotches. The sepals are also persistent in fruit. The corolla of the flower is made up of 5 petals that are pinkish-purple. There is generally 5 stamens with yellow anthers and purple filaments. The pistil has 1 style and 3 stigmas. The fruit is a capsule that is 3-valved and egg-shaped. The seed is blackish, covered in short white hairs, and elliptic. This plant is a rare plant (CNPS ranking 4.2).



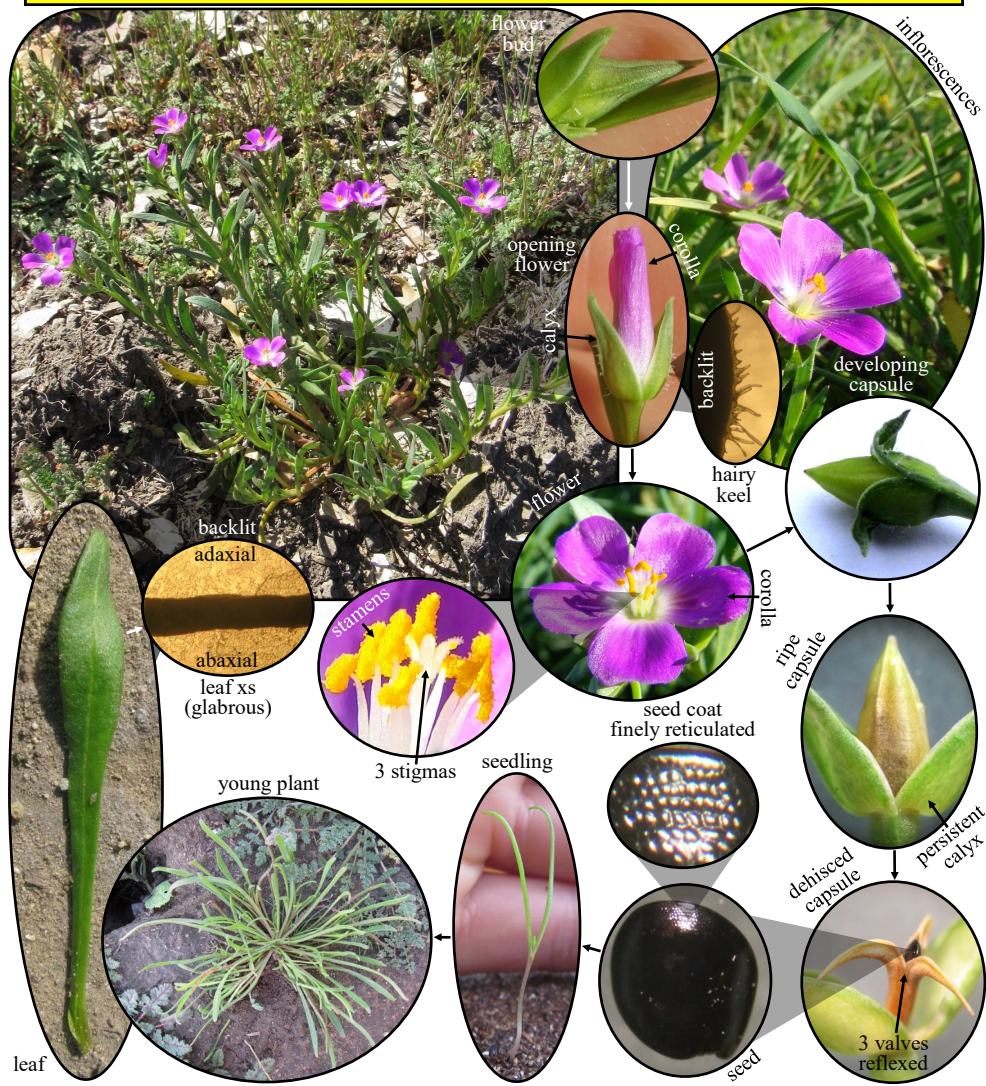
Red Maids (*Calandrinia menziesii*)

Order: Caryophyllales

Family: Montiaceae (Miner's Lettuce Family)

Flowers: February - May

Calandrinia menziesii is an annual herbaceous plant. It is found in only a few spots on the peninsula. The stems are spreading and often prostrate to ascending. The leaves are linear to oblanceolate and generally glabrous but can sometimes be minutely hairy. The flowers have sepals that are green, ovate, keeled (keel with a line of hairs running along it), and persistent in fruit. The corolla of the flower is made up of 5 petals that are pinkish to reddish-purple in color. There are many stamens and 3 stigmas. The fruit is a capsule that is 3 valved. The developed capsule is somewhat egg shaped. As the capsule dehisces, the 3 valves become reflexed and forcefully eject the seed out. The seed is shiny, black, ellipsoid, and finely reticulated.



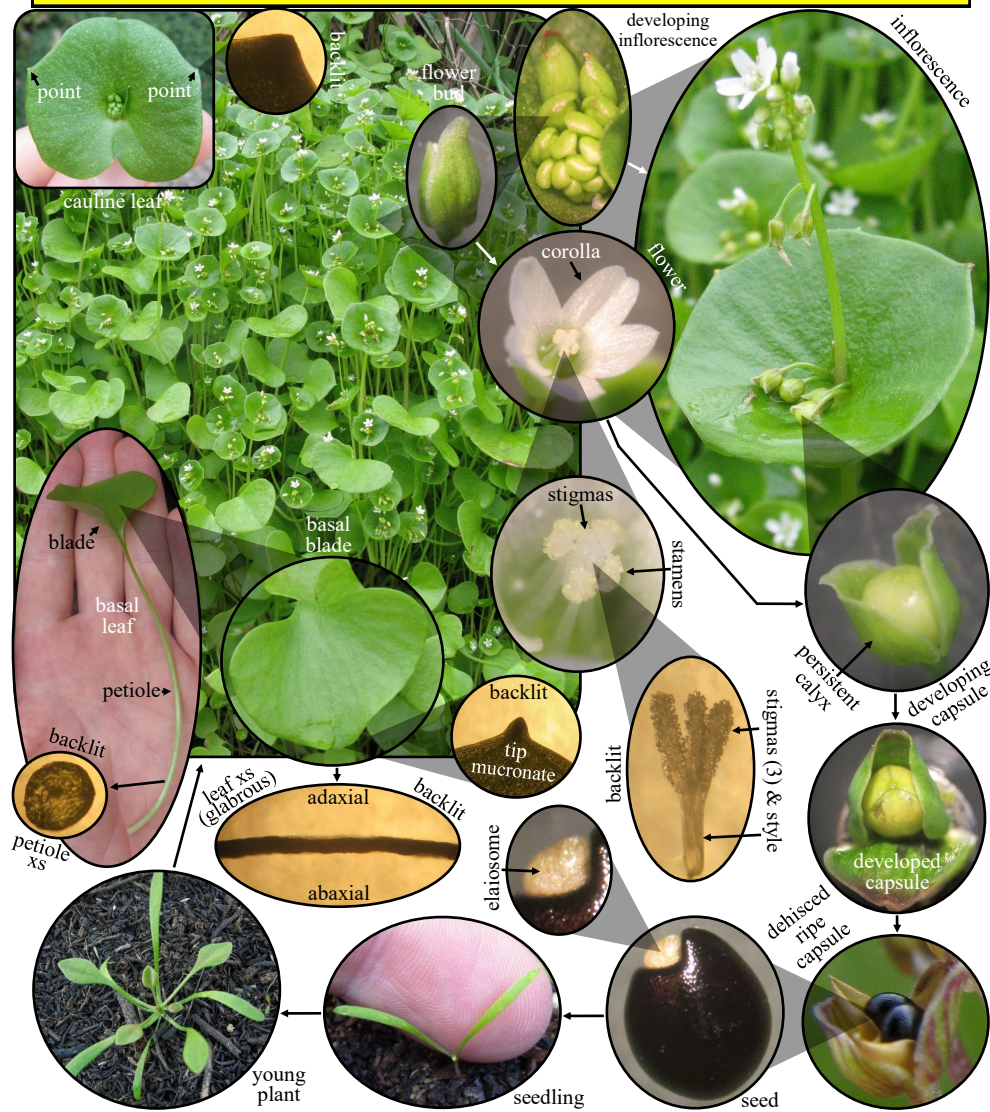
Miner's Lettuce (*Claytonia perfoliata* var. *mexicana*)

Order: Caryophyllales

Family: Montiaceae (Miner's Lettuce Family)

Flowers: February - April

Claytonia perfoliata var. *mexicana* is an annual herbaceous plant. It is found throughout the peninsula. The basal leaves of this plant form a rosette and are suberect to somewhat flattened. The basal leaves have long petioles and the blade can be deltate to reniform. The tips of the basal leaves are mucronate. The cauline leaves are perfoliate and have 2 angles that are short-pointed. The calyx of the flower is green and persistent in fruit. The corolla of the flower is white with 5 petals. There are 5 stamens. There is a 1 style and 3 stigmas. The fruit is a capsule that is 3-valved and ejects the seed forcefully. The seed is lenticular, black, shinny, and has a elaiosome.



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A variegated form of *Claytonia perfoliata* var. *mexicana* can also be found in a few canyons on the peninsula.

