



Washington Natural Heritage Program Data Use Guidelines and Citation

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These data are available for non-commercial conservation, educational, and research use, but should not be repackaged or redistributed. Should you be asked by individuals outside your organization for the type of data that we provide, please refer them to WNHP.

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for example: Washington Natural Heritage Program. 2018. Washington Natural Heritage Program, Washington Department of Natural Resources. Olympia, WA. U.S.A. Available at <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/NHPdata>. (Accessed: 09/22/2018).

Acknowledgement Statement:

This information is provided by the Washington Natural Heritage Program (www.wa.dnr.gov/natural-heritage-program), Washington's primary source of information about rare and endangered species, and threatened ecosystems.

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Feedback Request: Sources of Natural Heritage data include museum specimens, published and unpublished scientific literature, field surveys by state and federal agencies and private contractors, and reports from knowledgeable individuals. WNHP actively solicits and encourages additions, corrections and updates, new observations or collections, and comments on any of the data we provide; see <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/NHPdata> for more information.