

**HOSPITAL CANYON LARKSPUR (DELPHINIUM CALIFORNICUM SSP. INTERIUS)**

California Native Plant Society List 1B



*Description*

Hospital Canyon larkspur, also known as Interior California larkspur, is a perennial herb in the buttercup family (Ranunculaceae). It is a tall plant, with stems that are usually more than 3.3 feet (1 m) high and many-branched. The leaves are maple-like. The flowers, which appear from April through June, are greenish-white and approximately

1 inch (2.5 cm) across. Each plant typically has more than 50 flowers distributed along the branches.

*Habitat*

Hospital Canyon larkspur grows in chaparral and foothill woodlands.

*Range/distribution*

It is found on the east side of the coast ranges in Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Benito, San Joaquin, Merced, and San Luis Obispo counties.

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