**Lessingia arachnoidea** Greene

**CRystal Springs Lessingia**

**Asteraceae**

**Status:**
 CNPS Rare Plant Rank 1B.2  
 Federal: unlisted  
 State: unlisted  
 State Rank: S1

**Habitat:** Serpentine endemic, often roadsides. Cismontane woodland, chaparral, coastal scrub, valley and foothill grassland. 40-300 meters (131-984 feet)

**Counties:**
 San Mateo  
 Sonoma

**Life Form:**
 Dicot  
 annual herb

**Bloom period:**
 July - Oct

**CNPS Rare and Endangered Plant Inventory Listing**
 Jepson eFlora Taxon page  
 Jepson eFlora key

**Calflora Taxon Report**
 CalPhotos Database Results

**Consortium of California Herbaria Records**

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*Neal Kramer*
Key to our local Lessingia with white, pink, or lavender flowers

1. Phyllaries generally glabrous, rarely sparsely hairy, occasionally with stalked and/or bead-like sessile glands
2. Phyllary glands 0 or bead-like, sessile……Lessingia micradena var. glabrata (SMOOTH LESSINGIA)
2’ Phyllaries with stalked glands (not known to occur in San Mateo or Santa Clara county…….. Lessingia micradena var. micradena (TAMALPAIS LESSINGIA)

1’ Phyllaries sparsely hairy, tomentose, or woolly, occasionally with bead-like sessile glands
3. Basal leaves withered at flower; involucre 4–8 mm; style-branch appendage short-triangular; pappus generally < fruit (except in Sonoma Co.)…………………..…………Lessingia arachnoidea (CRYSTAL SPRINGS LESSINGIA)
3’ Basal leaves generally persistent at flower; involucre (5)8–13 mm; style-branch appendage lanceolate; pappus => fruit………..Lessingia hololeuca (WOOLLY-HEADED LESSINGIA)

Basal leaves withered at flower

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