

**MPG Field Note**  
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Spring erupts with a whirl of stamens and pollen rain.  
(*Besseyia wyonmingsensis*)





Five-lobed petals distinguish slender woodland star (*Lithophragma tenellum*, above) from small flower woodland star (*Lithophragma parviflorum*).



Spring brings the return of intricacy in all life forms.





Near the entrance gate an osprey alighted upon a pole to feast on a rainbow trout. Upon arrival the fish first flopped in protest but soon succumbed.





Pasqueflower reward early spring visitors (*Anemone patens*).



Showier in bud than flower, western saxifrage's rose-tinged buds will bloom white (*Micranthes occidentalis*).





Nascent rockcress petals blush purple then pale with time (*Boechera* sp.).



This balsamroot emerged from the ground already budding (*Balsamorhiza sagittata*).





The specific epithet of low pussytoes, *dimorpha*, alludes to its dioecious habit. Here the white female flowers contrast with the pink male flowers. Considered the most xerophytic of the pussytoes, this hardy little forb will be ready for seed collection in a couple weeks (*Antennaria dimorpha*).

