

Amsinckia menziesii (Lehm.) A. Nelson & J. F. Macbr., SMALL-FLOWERED FIDDLENECK. Annual, taprooted, initially rosetted, 1–several-stemmed at base, branching from the top node downward, erect, 15–80 cm tall; shoots grayish green, with basal leaves and cauline leaves, ± hispid, the hairs with bulbous bases. **Stems:** cylindric, to 6 mm diameter, with 2 low ridges descending from each leaf, straight, light green, hairs often spreading. **Leaves:** helically alternate, simple, sessile, without stipules; blade linear or narrowly elliptic to narrowly lanceolate or linear-oblong, 20–180 × 3–10 mm, dull green, entire, acute to acuminate and with yellowish callus at tip, pinnately veined with midrib sunken on upper surface and raised on lower surface, with stiff hairs. **Inflorescence:** racemelike cyme, terminal, each axis > 10-flowered, 1-sided, coiled downward at growing tip, to 250 mm long in fruit, flowers initially close becoming widely spaced in fruit, lacking bracts, hispid; pedicel ca. 0.5 mm below inversely conic receptacle. **Flower:** bisexual, radial, ± 2.5 mm across; bud with 5 deep dimples beneath sinuses on corolla throat; **sepals** 5, essentially free to base, at anthesis lobes subequal, linear to narrowly oblong, 4.5–5.5 × ± 1 mm increasing to 8 mm long in fruit and 1 or 2 often somewhat shorter, dark green, with conspicuous midrib, hispid + soft-ciliate on margins, rarely with several, somewhat rusty long hairs, dark green with inner surface glossy, internally soft-strigose above midpoint; **corolla** 5-lobed, ± cylindric, 3–4.5 mm long, scarcely visible above calyx, glabrous; tube cylindric with expanded base around ovary, ca. 2 mm long, whitish to light yellow approaching throat, 10-veined; throat not exerted from calyx, light yellow internally lacking orange mark above each anther, lacking appendages next to stamens; lobes erect, rounded, in range 0.6–0.9 mm long, light yellow; **stamens** 5, fused at slightly different levels at top of corolla tube, included; filaments 0.1 mm long, yellowish; anthers dorsifixed, dithecal, 0.45–0.5 mm long, red-orange, longitudinally dehiscent; pollen orange-yellow; **nectary disc** on the inner edge of ovary, ringlike, thin, light green; pistil 1, extending to base of anthers; ovary superior, deeply 4-lobed, light green, warty; style arising from center between ovary lobes ca. midpoint of ovary lobes, ± 2.5 mm long, white, glabrous; stigma 2-lobed, ball-like, short-papillate. **Fruits:** nutlets, 1–4, erect, deltate-ovoid, in range 2–2.5 mm long, light tan, midridge (ventral keel) and 2 lateral ridges prominent, low, round-warty, transversely ridged; attachment scar tear-shaped, ca. 0.5 mm long. Early March–mid-April.

Native. Annual rarely found in range and present only in select years at several isolated locations, always growing with the common fiddleneck, so it can be overlooked.

Amsinckia menziesii overall appears more gray than *A. intermedia*, but its identification must be based on the narrower, shorter corolla, which is light yellow and approximately the same length as the calyx, and it does not have a flaring, orange-yellow limb like the other taxon with larger flowers.

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