Identification key to Allium species in North America

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 Leaf blade flat, channeled, or ± terete, never more than 30 mm wide, (never petiolate). Flowering pedicels mostly or completely replaced by bulbils.
3. Outer bulb coats persisting as fibrous reticulum; leaf sheaths not extending more than 1/4
scape; spathe bract beakless or beak much shorter than base.
4. Ovary, when present, crestless; spathe bracts 3–7-veined; east of 103rd meridian
4. Ovary, when present, obscurely crested with 6, low, central processes; spathe bracts 1-
 veined; west of 105th meridian
6. Bulbs 1–2 cm diam.; leaf blade 2–4 mm diam., cylindric or filiform, not carinate, hollow below middle A. vineale
6. Bulbs (1.5–)3–8 cm diam.; leaf blade 5–20 mm wide, flat, carinate, solid
 5. Spathe bracts 2–5, persistent. 7. Spathe bracts 2–5, 4–9-veined, beak to 20 cm
7. Spathe bracts 3–5, 2–3-veined, beak to 10 cm A. ampeloprasum
2. Flowering pedicels floriferous, bulbils almost unknown.
 Outer bulb coats persisting as fibrous reticulum. Ovary usually crestless; if obscurely crested, with 3 or 6 processes; east of 103rd meridian.
10. Spathe bracts usually 1-veined.
11. Spaces between bulb coat fibers filled in proximal 1/2 bulb; tepals white, pink, or red, rarely greenish yellow; central plains from N Mexico to Nebraska
11. Spaces between bulb coat fibers open; tepals yellow; W Texas
10. Spathe bracts 3–7-veined.
12. Umbel compact; pedicels much shorter than flowers A. schoenoprasum
12. Umbel loose; pedicels longer than flowers.
13. Flowers substellate to urceolate-campanulate, ultimately withering somewhat and exposing capsule; reticula of bulbs finely or only moderately coarsely meshed.
14. Bulbs 1–3, narrowly cylindric, attached to \pm horizontal primary rhizome,
often missing or not visible on herbarium specimens; leaf blade carinate; cells
of seed coat smooth, shiny; occasional introduction
neled; cells of seed coat each with minute, central papilla; native east of 103rd
meridian
13. Flowers urceolate, permanently investing capsule; reticula of bulbs usually very
coarsely meshed.
15. Flowering bulbs with cluster of stalked, basal bulbels; cells of innermost bulb
coats contorted, with sinuous walls; extreme S Texas
15. Flowering bulbs without basal bulbels; cells of innermost bulb coats vertically
elongate, without sinuous walls; W Texas and E New Mexico to C South
Dakota
 Ovary usually crested with 3 or 6 processes; if crestless, from west of 105th meridian. Ovary and capsule conspicuously crested with 6 contorted or horizontally spreading,
\pm lateral processes; tepals widely spreading to reflexed, SE United States.

 17. Spathe bracts usually 5–7-veined; ovary crests conspicuously contorted; tepals spreading to reflexed
 18. Leaves 3+ per scape; cells of seed coat each with minute, central papilla. 19. Bulbs often short-rhizomatous basally; spathe bracts 3-5-veined; ovary conspicuously crested with 6 flattened, lacerate central processes; tepals spreading or reflexed, withering in fruit, not investing capsule
 20. Leaf blade flat, ± falcate, usually 3–6 mm wide; Box Elder County, Utah 20. Leaf blade channeled, ± straight, usually less than 5 mm wide; widespread, N Great Plains and W North America
18. Leaves usually 2 per scape; cells of seed coat \pm smooth, with or without central papillae.
 21. Spathe bracts 3–5-veined; tepals becoming papery in fruit, midrib scarcely thick-ened, not investing capsule; ovary usually conspicuously crested with 6 flattened central processes, often to 2 mm
 22. Leaf blade flat, ± falcate, usually 3–6 mm wide; cells of seed coat with minute central papilla; Box Elder County, Utah
 Outer bulb coats membranous to chartaceous, with or without distinct cellular markings (reticulation); without fibers or with some parallel fibers. Scape fistulose, 3–25 mm diam., not flattened and winged; leaves 2–10, blade flat and solid, or fistulose. Leaf blade flat, solid.
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 26. Bulbs 1–3, to 10 cm diam., ± globose, not rhizomatous; leaf blade semicircular in cross section; occasional escape from cultivation
27. Flowers 8–18 mm; tepals lilac to pale purple; native or introduced
 27. Flowers 6–9 mm; tepals pale yellowish white; introduced
 28. Leaves (3-)5-40 mm wide, basal sheaths extending 1/3-1/2 scape. 29. Filaments unappendaged; leaf blade terete to semiterete; bulbels, if present, light brown
 flat, channeled; bulbels very dark purple

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32. Tepals elliptic, apex obtuse; stamens \pm equaling tepals; EC Arizona and ad-
 jacent New Mexico, and Santa Catalina Mountains, S Arizona A. gooddingii 32. Tepals narrowly lanceolate to lanceolate, apex acuminate; stamens much shorter than tepals or definitely exserted; widespread in W North America,
not occurring in Arizona.
33. Stamens and style exserted; stigma capitate; Cascades and Sierras E to NE Nevada, E Oregon, W Idaho A. validum
33. Stamens and style ca. 1/2 tepals; stigma 3-lobed; Rocky Mountains from C
Montana and NE Idaho to Wyoming, NE Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico
31. Bulbs short-rhizomatous at base, rhizome not stout and iris-like; ovary strongly crested with 6 processes.
34. Stamens and styles included; outer bulb coats \pm reddish brown, inner coats
deep red to white; ovary crested with 6 short, rounded, densely papillose processes
34. Stamens and styles exserted; outer bulb coats gray or brown, inner coats white
to pink or reddish; ovary crested with 6 flattened, \pm triangular processes,
margins entire or toothed.
35. Flowers campanulate; tepals \pm erect; scape nodding A. cernuum 35. Flowers stellate; tepals spreading; scape erect, or, if nodding at anthesis,
becoming erect
30. Bulbs ovoid to subglobose, not clustered on stout, primary rhizome; rhizomes, if
present, secondary, arising from bulbs, \pm slender, terminated by new bulbs; bulb
coats without reticulation or with \pm isodiametric or transversely elongate cells that
are sometimes intricately contorted.
36. Leaf 1 per scape; leaf blade terete; ovary prominently crested with $6 \pm$ triangular
processes.
37. Stigma unlobed or minutely 3-lobed, lobes \pm stout, erect or spreading.
38. Scape 18–60 cm; flowers 5–9 mm; tepals unequal, inner whorl $1/4-1/3$
longer than outer, margins entire or irregular to erose; stamens exserted
38. Scape less than 25 cm; flowers 7–20 mm; tepals \pm equal, margins entire;
stamens included.
39. Outer bulb coat reticulate with \pm elongate, contorted meshes
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 39. Outer bulb coat reticulate with ± elongate, contorted meshes

 47. Margins of ovarian crest processes entire or notched at tip, outer margins sometimes irregular but never dentate or laciniate. 48. Flowers 10–18 mm; tepals maroon or deep reddish purple. 49. Tepals deep reddish purple, all reflexed at tip; Mount Hamilton Range, C California	
47. Margins of ovarian crest processes dentate to laciniate.	
51. Tepals deep reddish purple, erect, usually conspicuously recurved	
at tip	
51. Tepals white or flushed to pale lavender with darker midveins,	
spreading or erect, not conspicuously recurved at tip.	
52. Flowers usually 6–12 mm	
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53. Scape $25-50$ cm; tepals spreading from base; serpentine soil,	
Rawhide Hill and Red Hills, foothills of Sierra Nevada, C	
California A. tuolumnense	
53. Scape 7–20(–30) cm; tepals erect; serpentine clay soils, S	
Coast Ranges and W Transverse Ranges, California	
$\dots \dots A. \ diabolense$	
36. Leaves usually 2 or more, if 1, blade flattened or broadly channeled; ovary crest-	
less or variously crested.	
54. Bulbs generally with numerous increase bulbs, these much smaller than parent bulb, enclosed by bulb coats, in basal cluster or on threadlike rhizomes to 10 cm.	
55. Ovary crestless or obscurely crested with 3 low central processes.	
56. Larger bulbs each with cluster of bulbels surrounding roots; S Texas	
56. Larger bulbs each with cluster of small, basal bulbels on one side; NE	
Oregon and WC Idaho	
55. Ovary prominently crested with 6 triangular central processes, margins	
finely papillose or denticulate.	
57. Leaves usually beginning to wither from tip by anthesis; tepals rigid (not	
papery), \pm shiny in fruit, strongly involute at tip, carinate	
$\ldots \ldots A. \ campanulatum$	
57. Leaves usually green at anthesis; tepals papery (not rigid and shiny) in	
fruit, not strongly involute, not carinate.	
58. Tepals ovate to elliptic, apex acute to acuminate; foothills of Sierra	
Nevada, N, C California	
58. Tepals lanceolate, apex acuminate; Sierra Nevada, California, and	
intermountain region N to Oregon, Idaho A. bisceptrum	
54. Increase bulbs absent or $1-4$, \pm equaling parent bulbs, enclosed by parental bulb coats, never appearing as basal cluster, not rhizomatous or rhizomes $2+$	
mm thick (not threadlike).	
59. Leaf blade channeled to subterete, if flat, not falcate.	
60. Bulb coats lacking reticulation or reticulum delicate, very obscure under	
hand lens.	
61. Bulbs ovoid to subglobose; rhizomes absent, renewal bulbs formed	
within coats of parent bulb; native or introduced.	
62. Scape terete throughout, 1–3 mm diam.; leaf blade 1–3 mm wide;	
native to W Texas to SE Arizona A. kunthii	

62. Scape triquetrous, 2-edged or slightly winged proximally, if terete
only proximally so, 1–10 mm wide; introduced in California and
Oregon near the Pacific coast.
63. Umbel erect, \pm hemispheric; flowers \pm erect; tepals broadly el-
liptic, apex obtuse A. neapolitanum
63. Umbel lax, \pm 1-sided; flowers pendent; tepals lanceolate, apex
acute A. triquetrum
61. Bulbs oblique or oblique-ovoid, renewal bulbs borne terminally on
rhizomes outside coats of parent bulbs; native.
64. Rhizomes conspicuous, 2 cm or more, including renewal bulbs.
65. Rhizomes smooth, parent bulb disappearing by anthesis ex-
cept for still-functional roots and bulb coat; leaf blade broadly
concave-convex or \pm flattened, carinate; tepals obovate to ovate,
apex acute to obtuse or emarginate; Coast Ranges, California,
Oregon A. unifolium
65. Rhizomes scaly, sometimes absent, often missing in herbarium
specimens, parent bulb persisting after anthesis; leaf blade flat,
not carinate; tepals lanceolate to oblong, apex acute to acumi-
nate; trans- Pecos Texas to SE ArizonaA. rhizomatum
64. Rhizomes inconspicuous, 2 cm or less, including renewal bulb.
66. Tepals erect, red-purple, rarely pure white, at least inner tepal
margins serrulate; NW California, SW Oregon A. bolanderi
66. Tepals \pm spreading, white to pale pink, margins entire; W Texas
to SE Arizona A. kunthii
60. Bulb coats obviously reticulate with prominent meshes under hand lens.
67. Cells of outer bulb coat square or polygonal.
68. Ovary with 6 prominent, flat, \pm triangular crest processes
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 74. Leaf blade 1–3 mm wide, channeled or subterete, not carinate; inner bulb coats light yellow or white; tepals becoming hyaline (not papery) after anthesis A. hyalinum 71. Cells of bulb coat in sharply serrate, transverse rows, forming distinct herringbone pattern; tepals erect, inner shorter, narrower. 75. Tepals connivent over capsule in fruit, not rigid; umbel shattering in fruit, each flower with its pedicel falling as a unit . A. serra 75. Tepals not connivent over capsule, rigid in fruit; umbel persistent. 76. Leaves 3–6, blade arcuate to tortuous; umbel compact; pedicels 5–20 mm; sea cliffs, N, C California
 76. Leaves 2–3, blade straight to arcuate; umbel loose; pedicels 10–40 mm; not on sea cliffs, California Floristic Province, extending south in coastal ranges. 77. Inner tepal margins denticulate, crisped A. crispum 77. Inner tepal margins entire to denticulate, never crisped A. peninsulare
 59. Leaf blade flat or broadly channeled, if flat, ± falcate. 78. Scape and leaves persisting after seeds mature or on pressing, or only tardily deciduous.
 79. Stamens much shorter than tepals. 80. Bulb coat cellular-reticulate with elongate, ± obscure, intricately contorted cells (resembling Allium madidum, but never with cluster of basal bulbels)
 15) mm wide. 83. Leaf blade usually more than 5 mm wide, flat; umbel 25–50-flowered; spathe bracts 3
 84. Bulb coat with quadrate to polygonal reticulations; leaf blade ± equaling scape
 85. Outer bulb coats cellular-reticulate throughout (often obscurely so in A. aaseae and A. simillimum). 86. Bulb coats obscurely cellular-reticulate with ± contorted cells; tepal margins denticulate to erose. 87. Tepals white with greenish or reddish veins, sometimes flushed pink; anthers purple or mottled purple and white; pollen white or gray

88. Bulb coats reticulate, cells irregularly arranged, \pm polygonal,
rectangular, or transversely elongate, \pm curved.
89. Cells of bulb coat irregularly arranged, \pm transversely elon-
gate, curved; Tuolumne County, C California
 A. tribracteatum 89. Cells of bulb coat irregularly arranged or in ± regular vertical rows, polygonal or ± rectangular; Sierra Nevada, California, and Nevada. 80. Delk cost anticulate cells are adding to the rest of the rest.
88. Bulb coats reticulate, cells arranged in \pm regular vertical rows,
narrowly hexagonal to rectangular, transversely elongate.
90. Tepals linear-lanceolate
 91. Scape 3–10 cm; pedicel ± equaling perianth A. punctum 91. Scape 15–20 cm; pedicel 2–3 times perianth A. lemmonii 85. Outer bulb coats not cellular-reticulate or with 2–3 rows of cells just
distal to roots.
92. Scape terete or \pm compressed, not winged.
93. Stamens well included.
94. Stamens \pm equaling tepals or exserted.
95. Leaf blade strongly falcate; umbel mostly 5–10-flowered
95. Leaf blade linear or weakly falcate; umbel 20–30-flowered
94. Leaves 2 per scape.
96. Leaf 1 per scape.
97. Leaf blade \pm equaling to 2 times scape; WC Idaho
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97. Leaf blade much longer than scape; C Sierra Nevada, California A. yosemitense
96. Filaments papillose proximally A. hoffmanii
93. Filaments smooth proximally A. burlewii
92. Scape flattened, 2-edged or usually winged distally.
98. Bulbs oblique or oblique-ovoid, renewal bulbs borne terminally
on rhizomes outside coats of parent bulb; parent bulb disappear-
ing by anthesis except for still-functional roots and shriveled bulb coat.
 99. Pedicel ± equaling perianth; ovary obscurely 3-crested; barren, bald summits W of Cascade Mountains from Vancouver Island to SW Oregon, also at Jefferson Park, Oregon, and in Wenatchee Mountains, C Washington A. crenulatum 99. Pedicel 2–3 times perianth; ovary prominently 6-crested; mountains and scablands E of Cascade Mountains, Oregon
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 98. Bulbs ovoid to subglobose, rhizomes absent, renewal bulbs formed within coats of parent bulb; parent bulbs persistent. 100. Tepals narrowly lanceolate, apex long-acuminate; stamens exserted
101. Flowers 9–15 mm; tepal apex long-acuminate, inner mar-
gins usually denticulate A. falcifolium
101. Flowers $6-10(-12)$ mm; tepal apex obtuse to acute, or \pm
involute in age and appearing acuminate, inner margins
denticulate or not.
102. Inner bulb coats usually pink or red; inner tepal mar-
gins sometimes \pm denticulate; Siskiyou Mountains of NW California and SW Oregon A. siskiyouense

102. Inner bulb coats white; inner tepal margins entire; W
United States, E of Sierra–Cascade axis.
103. Tepals becoming rigid (not papery), carinate in
fruit.
104. Tepals lanceolate, apex acute to acuminate, \pm
erect in fruit, involute at tip; ovary obscurely to
prominently crested with 3 or 6 processes
$A. \ tolmiei$
104. Tepals elliptic-oblong, apex obtuse, not involute
at tip, connivent over ovary in fruit; ovary crest-
less or obscurely crested
103. Tepals becoming papery (not rigid), not carinate in
fruit.
105. Ovary distinctly crested with 3 or 6 low pro-
cesses; sand and gravel deposits, along Columbia
River from Ferry County, NE Washington, to
mouth of John Day River, NC Oregon
A. robinsonii
105. Ovary obscurely crested with 3 low, rounded pro-
cesses; rocky, clay slopes and talus, E Oregon,
Idaho, to C California, N Nevada, NW Utah
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1. Leaf blade flat, 15–90 mm wide, (tapering to base or distinctly petiolate).
106. Leaves ephemeral, usually absent at anthesis; E North America A. tricoccum
106. Leaves present at anthesis; Attu and Unalaska islands, Alaska