

*Claytonia parviflora* Hooker subsp. *parviflora*, STREAMBANK SPRING BEAUTY, INDIAN-LETTUCE. Annual, weakly taprooted, rosetted, acaulous with axillary flowering shoots, in range 4–11 cm tall; shoots with many spreading to ascending basal leaves, somewhat fleshy, glabrous. **Stems:** = axis of axillary flowering shoots. **Leaves:** helically alternate, simple, petiolate, 30–100 mm long, without stipules; petiole indistinct from blade, flared and in  $\times$ -section crescent-shaped at base to  $\pm$  cylindrical above; blade linear (unexpanded from petiole) and 0.6–1.7 mm wide at base to narrowly elliptic or spatulate (to 9 mm wide), entire, acute at tip, with midvein scarcely evident. **Inflorescence:** racemelike cyme (raceme), axillary, mostly  $>$  leaves, 10–21-flowered, bracteate, glabrous; peduncle (= stem of some authors) ascending, cylindrical, in range 27–105 mm long, ca. 1.2 mm diameter at base, green, terminated by bract encircling axis (perfoliate); perfoliate bract (= 2 fused cauline leaves of some authors) D-shaped and  $\pm$  funnel-shaped, 5–21  $\times$  4–15 mm, 2-toothed, green, with smaller, free bract subtending rachis, free bract erect, elliptic to ovate, 1.3–3  $\times$  0.5–1.5 mm; rachis 1.5–11 mm long, with 5–11 flowers clusters at base (first node) and 5–13 other flowers with 2–4 flowers per node; bractlets subtending pedicels absent; pedicel 1–2 mm long increasing to 6 mm long in fruit, glossy. **Flower:** bisexual, radial, 3.5–4 mm across; **sepals** 2 (bracteoles of some authors), opposite, subequal, broadly ovate to roundish, 1.5–2.6  $\times$  1.3–2.1 mm, obtuse or rounded at tip (large sepal) and minutely notched at tip (smaller sepal), green often aging red base to tip, glabrous, parallel-veined, persistent; **petals** 5 (petaloid sepals of some authors), fused ca. 0.1 mm at base, spreading, ovate to elliptic, 1.4–2.1  $\times$  0.6–1 mm, white, narrowly tapered 0.3–0.4 mm long at base; **stamens** 5, opposite petals and fused to their bases for  $\pm$  0.3 mm; filament free portions erect, erect, slender, 0.5–1 mm long, translucent; anthers dorsifixed, dithecal, ca. 0.2 mm long, whitish, longitudinally dehiscent; pollen whitish; **pistil** 1, 1.4–1.9 mm long; ovary superior, ovoid, green, glabrous, 1-chambered with 3 ovules attached at base; style 0.2–0.35 mm long, translucent; stigmas 3, ascending to spreading often touching anthers, equal or unequal, 0.6–0.9 mm long, whitish, papillate. **Fruit:** capsule, 3-valved, 2–3-seeded, spheroid to obovoid, 1.5–2  $\times$  1.3–1.4 mm, dehiscent top-to-bottom with margins rolling inward and forcibly expelling seeds, seeds attached to base; sepals persistent. **Seed:** compressed-ellipsoid, 1.1–1.25  $\times$  0.8–1.1  $\times$  ca. 0.5 mm, glossy dark brown to black, smooth, with epidermal cells clearly visible but not raised; having an appendage on micropyle (elaiosome) in notch, elaiosome  $\pm$  0.3 mm. Early March–late April.

Native Annual probably widespread in SMM growing in some of the same moist habitats in mixed populations with the common miners lettuce, but difficult to distinguish and so only recently confirmed in range. *Claytonia parviflora* has slender leaves that are mostly linear, and the large, perfoliate bract subtending the raceme usually has two distinct teeth. Positive identification of this species requires the glossy seeds, on which the outlines of the cells can be observed (10 $\times$ ) but the cells are not raised.

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