



**Scientific Name:** *Allium aaseae* Ownbey

**Bibliographic Reference:** Ownbey, 1950. Res. Stud. State Col. Wash. 18:38.

**Common Name:** Aase's onion

**Family (Common Name):** Liliaceae (Lily Family)

**Synonyms:** None

**Idaho Native Plant Society Category:** Global Priority 3

**Natural Heritage Program Rank:** S3

**Distribution:** Endemic to Idaho in the lower foothills from the Boise to Weiser areas in Ada, Boise, Gem, Payette and Washington counties.

**Habitat:** Coarse sandy soil most commonly on steep southerly exposures. Usually on or near ridge tops in sagebrush-grass communities, often with bitterbrush, from 800-1500 m elevation.

**Phenology:** Flowering as early as late February through April, depending on elevation and seasonal weather patterns.

**Look-alikes:** Similar to *A. simillimum* but differing in having deep pink perianth segments that fade white, with yellow anthers and pollen versus purple anthers or mottled purple and white, and with white to light gray pollen in *A. simillimum*. Aase's onion is also sometimes confused with *A. brandegei*, but the later species is easily distinguished by its shorter leaves, which are mostly less than twice as long as the scape, the flowering pedicels being mostly longer than the perianth, and entire perianth segments.



Closeup of *Allium aseae*

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Habitat of *Allium aseae*

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