



**Plant Botanical Name:**

*Macbridea alba*

*Macbridea alba* is found only in northwest Florida and southeast Alabama, mostly within the Apalachicola National Forest. It usually blooms from May to July. It inspired its common name, "white birds-in-a-nest." The charming small clusters of white buds and blossoms resemble eggs and little birds' heads in a nest. It grows in wet areas within grassy habitat on poorly drained, infertile soils. *Macbridea alba* shares the same habitat with two other Florida endangered species, *Scutellaria scutellarioides* (skullcap) and *Stachydeoma graveolens* (mock pennyroyal). Destruction of habitat for agriculture and development, suppression of fire and use of chemicals have threatened these plants. *Macbridea alba* is pollinated only by bumblebees, whose populations are also diminishing, thus increasing the decline.

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