## **Plant Propagation Protocol for** *Achlys californica* ESRM 412 – Native Plant Production



	TAXONOMY
Family Names	
Family Scientific Name:	Berberidaceae
Family Common Name:	Barberry family
Scientific Names	
Genus:	Achyls
Species:	Californica
Species Authority:	I. Fukuda & H.G. Baker
Variety:	
Sub-species:	
Cultivar:	
Authority for Variety/Sub-species:	
Common Synonym(s) (include full scientific	California Deer foot
names (e.g., Elymus glaucus Buckley),	
including variety or subspecies	
information)	
Common Name(s):	Deer's Foot (USDA) Vanilla Leaf (Biek).
Species Code (as per USDA Plants database):	ACCA6
GENERAL INFORMATION	
Geographical range (distribution maps for	
North America and Washington state)	
Ecological distribution (ecosystems it occurs	Douglas-Fir Forest, Yellow Pine Forest, Mixed Evergreen Forest,
in, etc):	Redwood Forest. Grows voraciously along the forest floor.
Climate and elevation range	Temperate Climate between 0 and 3937 feet. From Northern
	California to British Columbia. It is found more commonly in the
T 11 12 / 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	lower elevations.
Local habitat and abundance; may include commonly associated species	Grows abundantly in the lower regions of Mt. Rainier National Park along with closely related species; <i>Achlys triphylla</i> (Sm.) DC.
commonly associated species	Park along with closely related species, <i>Achtys triphytia</i> (Sm.) DC.
	Dominates the shaded understory of our lowland woods
	(Kruckeburg).
	(Kiuckebuig).
	Moist, Shaded sites. Conifer forest (Jepson).
Plant strategy type / successional stage	Late successional. Does best on forest floors, shaded by a well-
(stress-tolerator, competitor,	developed forest canopy.
weedy/colonizer, seral, late successional)	
Plant characteristics (life form (shrub, grass,	General: dicot, without leafy aerial stems but sends up single

forb), longevity, key characteristics, etc)	leaves at intervals along the rhizome (Pojar).  Duration: Perennial  Roots: Rhizomatous and scaly. Often yellow  Habit: Herb  Leaves: 1-few, basal, long-petioled, 1-ternate, leaflets triangular to fan-shaped, bases tapered.  Leaf Complexity: Palmate  Leaf Venation: Pinnate  Breeding System: Flowers Bisexual  INFL: Stiff, slender flower-stalk bearing many flowerlets in a spike (Kruckeburg). Scapose and dense, with lateral flowers
	usually asexual, terminal ones bisexual.  Flower: White, small, without sepals and petals (Pojar). Stamens 3-4 mm  0 Perianth, 8-13 stamens, flap-like anthers which are curled inward, 1 ovule 1.5-2mm (Biek), 1 style, flat and furrowed stigma.  Fruit: Red-purple 3-4.5 mm. Achene and furrowed.  Size Class: 0-1 ft. (Jepson and Ladybird).
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	AGATION DETAILS
Ecotype (this is meant primarily for experimentally derived protocols, and is a description of where the seed that was tested came from):	
Propagation Goal (Options: Plants, Cuttings, Seeds, Bulbs, Somatic Embryos, and/or Other Propagules):	
Propagation Method (Options: Seed or Vegetative):	Seed or collected rhizomes
Product Type (options: Container (plug), Bareroot (field grown), Plug + (container- field grown hybrids, and/or Propagules (seeds, cuttings, poles, etc.))	
Stock Type: Time to Grow (from seeding until plants are	
ready to be outplanted): Target Specifications (size or characteristics of target plants to be produced):	Plants reach 30-50 cm tall, with leaves separated on the rootstock by a distance of about 8-10cm (Biek).
Propagule Collection (how, when, etc):  Propagule Processing/Propagule Characteristics (including seed density (# per pound), seed longevity, etc):	N/A
Pre-Planting Propagule Treatments (cleaning, dormancy treatments, etc):	N/A
Growing Area Preparation / Annual Practices for Perennial Crops (growing media, type and size of containers, etc):	
Establishment Phase (from seeding to germination):	
Length of Establishment Phase:	
Active Growth Phase (from germination until plants are no longer actively growing):	
Length of Active Growth Phase: Hardening Phase (from end of active growth	

phase to end of growing season; primarily		
related to the development of cold-		
hardiness and preparation for winter):		
Length of Hardening Phase:		
Harvesting, Storage and Shipping (of		
seedlings):		
Length of Storage (of seedlings, between		
nursery and outplanting):		
Guidelines for Outplanting / Performance on		
Typical Sites (eg, percent survival, height		
or diameter growth, elapsed time before		
flowering):		
Other Comments (including collection	Known to be used by the Saanch of Vancouver Island as an insect	
restrictions or guidelines, if available):	repellent. The leaves are what gives the plant it's common name,	
	because the scent arises when dried.	
	Species was originally thought to be <i>Achyls tryphilla</i> , however it	
	was later found to be a distinct species (Fukuda).	
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