

Pacific yew in the Klamath region

Pacific yew (*Taxus brevifolia*)

Taxaceae



◀ male pollen cones

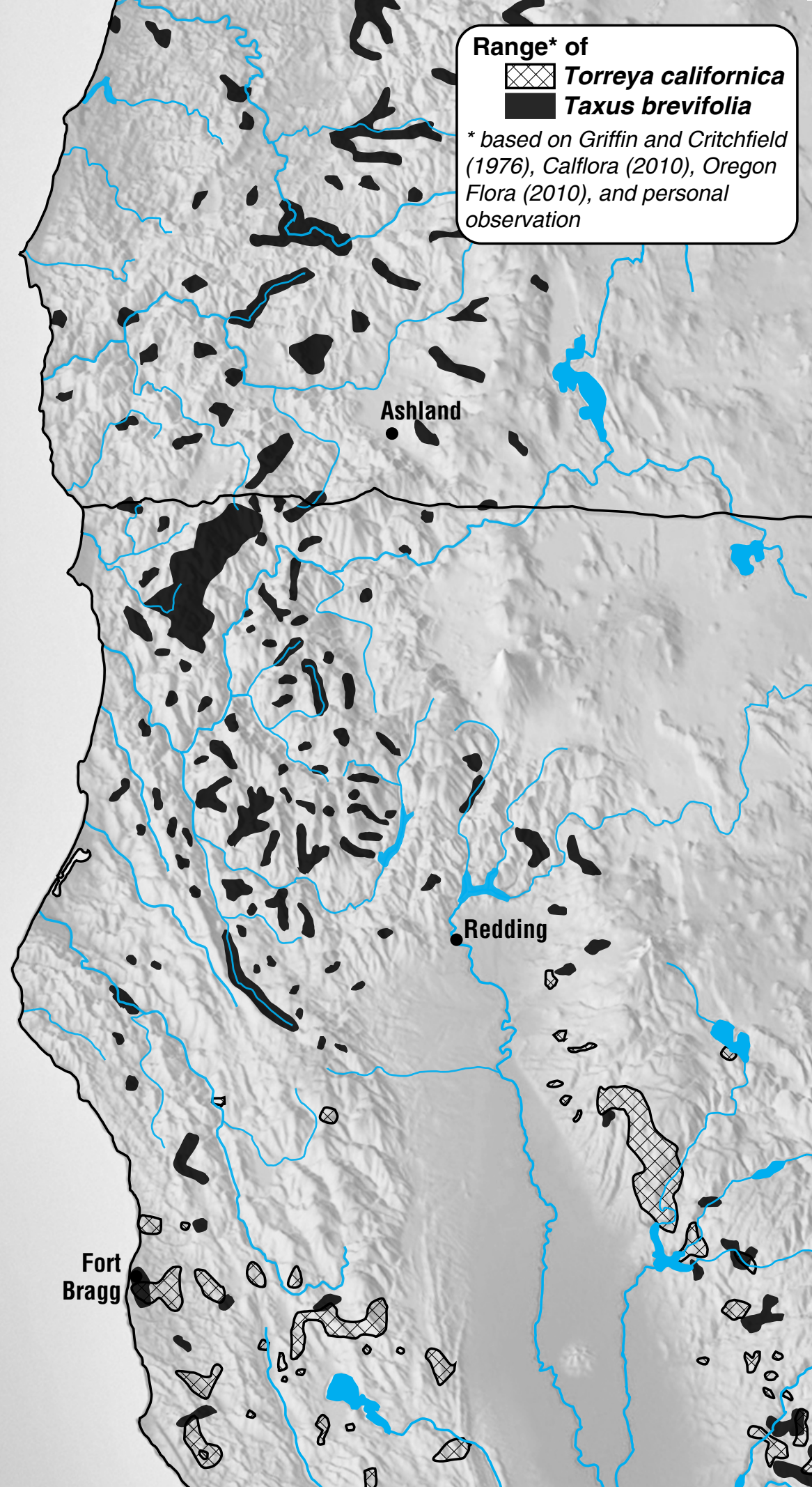
▶ scales fuse in mature aril, holding single seed

▼ in early development arils shows scales



Bark: peels from the trunk; plates range in color from tan to brown and even black, with outer flaking scales appearing purplish red, thin (less than 1 cm) **Needles:** 1-2.5 cm, single, short, flat, yellowish green, dark green above pale green below with minimal stomatal bloom on underside; with a sharper hook-like tip **Aril (cone):** round, fleshy, red, and small (1 cm diameter) **Habitat:** varied; from 300-2100m, morphing from a small tree to shrub-like at high elevation; inhabits a range of environments, from wet streamsid es to exposed north slopes

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Range* of

◻ *Torrey californica*
■ *Taxus brevifolia*

* based on Griffin and Critchfield (1976), Calflora (2010), Oregon Flora (2010), and personal observation