



## White-birds-in-a-nest



### 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 August. The plant is named after the author of the first description of the species, John Macbride. The plant is a member of the Gentianaceae family. The plant is a perennial herb that 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 ovata* (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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