

Where the Tall Larkspur is Found.—The tall larkspur is found in the foothills, and along the mountain sides, at an elevation of from four thousand to nine thousand feet. It grows very plentifully in the underbrush of poplar and willow scrub which occurs usually on those slopes of hills and coulees facing the north and east. The tall larkspur grows most abundantly within half a mile of some creek, ditch, or spring. It requires shade and a rich, fairly moist, well-drained soil.

In the Dominion Forest Reserves we have observed the tall larkspur growing abundantly beneath poplar and willow scrub timber. It occurs in the timber.



FIG. 2. Clump of young tall larkspur. One-eighth natural size.

Seasonal Growth.—In the southern part of the Province the young stalks begin to shoot up early in May. About the tenth of May the tips of the young stalks may be seen when the dead leaves are pulled away. Usually by the twenty-fourth of May, they are about six inches high, bearing several green, succulent leaves. A photograph of a young clump of tall larkspur as it appears about the middle of June is shown in Fig. 2, on page 14). The stalks reach their maximum height by the end of July. The flowering period usually begins early in July and ends early in August. The mature seeds have fallen to the ground usually by the end of August. In the northern part of the Province the tall larkspur is from one to two weeks later in starting to grow.