



Northern Side Notch?

Description Of A Projectile Point For Type Identification

Here is a progression of questions which will lead us to a description of this particular projectile point:

- Is it oval?
- Is it parallel/convex sided?
- Is it triangular?
- Is it a biface?
- Is it shouldered?
- Is it "eared" and long?
- Is it base thinned?
- Is it "fluted"?
- Is it ground on the sides?
- Is it concave based?
- Is it deeply split base?
- Is it large?
- Is it small?
- Is it wide necked?
- Is it narrow necked?
- Is it side notched?
- Is it base notched?
- Is it corner notched?
- Is it barbed?
- Is it square cornered?
- Is it split based?
- Is it stemmed?
- Is it rectangular stemmed?
- Is it expanding based?
- Is it contracting stemmed?
- Is it serrated?

The marked answers produce a description of this projectile point:

It is a triangular, bifacial, concave based, medium sized, wide necked, side notched, barbed projectile point.

Actual size of this
projectile point:
1-5/16" x 3/4"



In the Pacific Northwest, we find many examples of side notched projectile points. These include the large *Pluvial Lakes, Bitterroot, Northern, Cold Springs, Crump Lake* and other dart and/or knife types, as well as the several small *Desert Series (Desert Delta, Desert General, Desert Redding and Desert Sierra), Bear River* and *Wintu* arrowheads, plus the middle sized *Northern Side Notched* dart points. This obsidian projectile point found in Oregon exhibits some of the eared corner style known by many as "Fox Eared." The neck is 3/8" wide, just enough to be considered "wide necked." This puts it into the older dart styles of projectile point. This middle sized, wide necked, side notched, concave based, obsidian dart point is a *Northern Side Notch*.

