



Sauvie's Island Shoulder Notched?

Description Of A Projectile Point For Type Identification

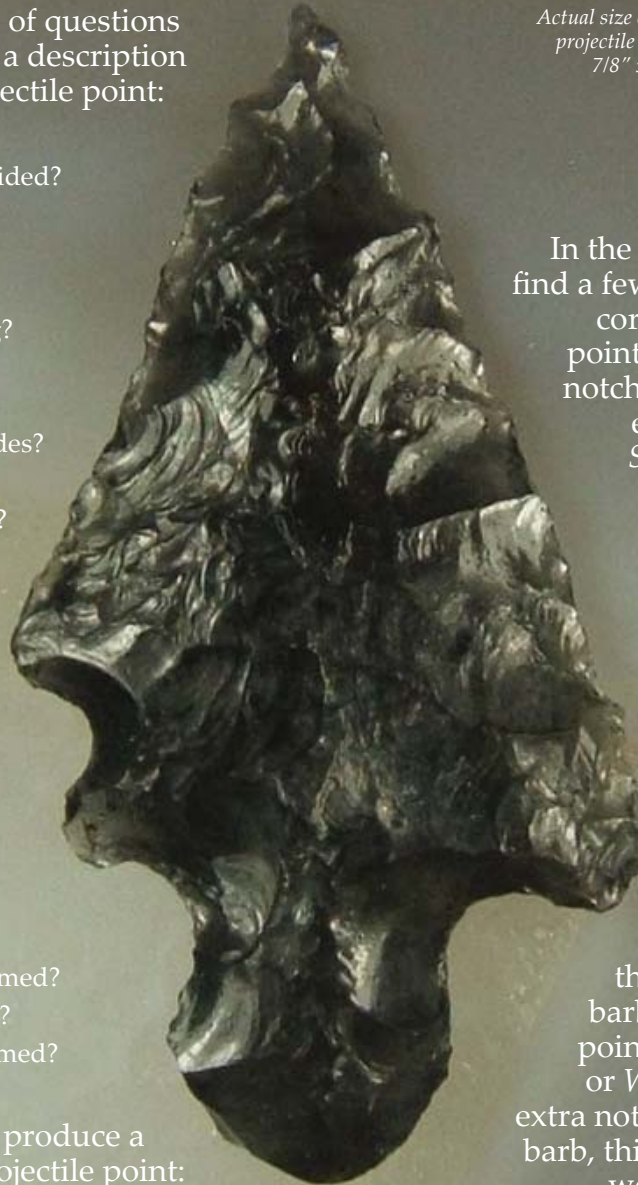
Here is a progression of questions which will lead us to a description of this particular projectile point:

- 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, small, narrow necked, corner notched, barbed, shoulder notched, contracting based serrated point.

Actual size of this
projectile point:
7/8" x 1/2"



In the Pacific Northwest, we find a few types of small, base/corner notched projectile points which have an extra notch on the barb corner or even on the stem. The *Sauvie's Island Shoulder Notched* is usually a *Wallula Gap* or *Rabbit Island* point with an extra notch on one or both of the barb corners. The *Sauvie's Island Hafting Notched* is a point shaped similar to the *Columbia Plateau*, but with a short, parallel sided stem, and it has an extra notch on each side of the blade just above the barb or corner. Since this point is like a *Rabbit Island* or *Wallula Gap*, but has an extra notch at the corner of the barb, this obsidian arrowhead would be identified as a *Sauvie's Island Shoulder Notched*.