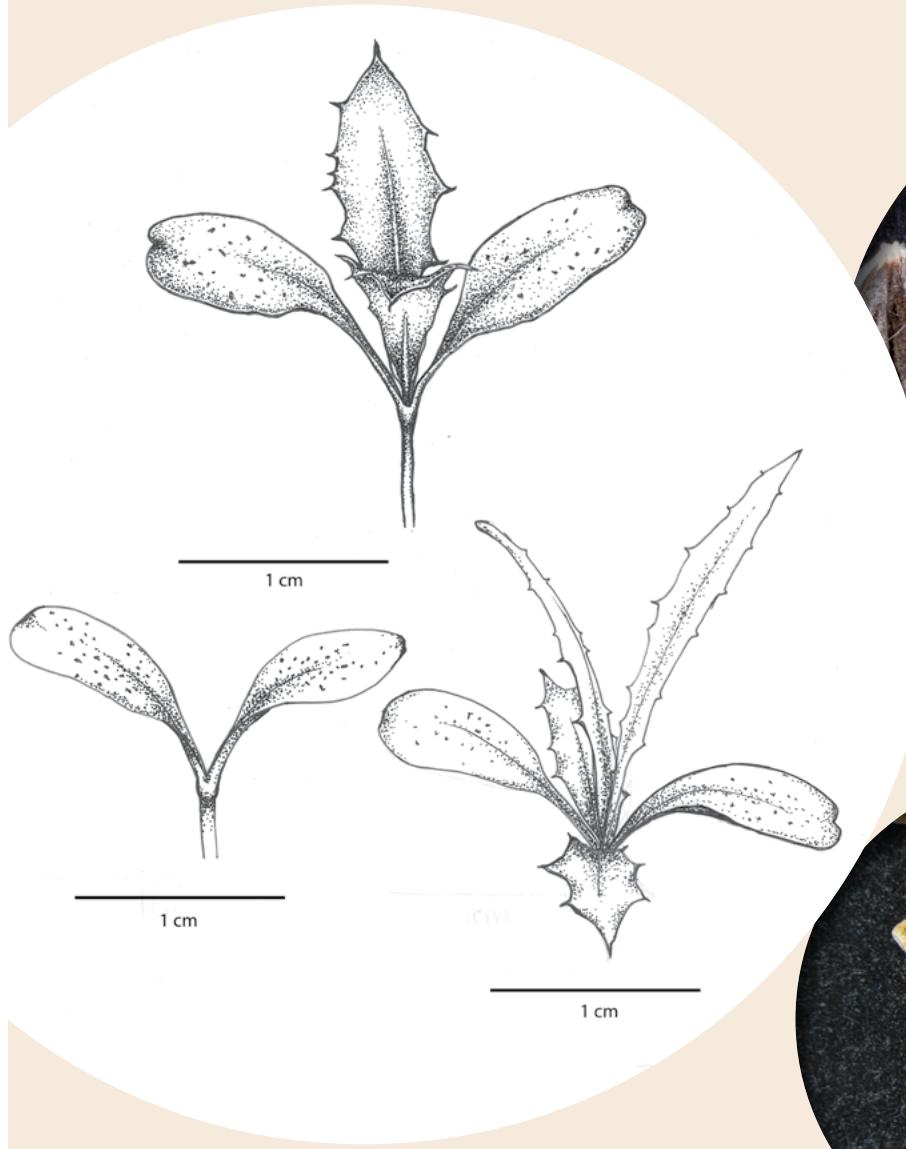


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FOREWORD

In today's world of constant contact, scientists face a mounting problem—how to effectively communicate. Jargon, information access, and apathy are a few of the hurdles scientists face while engaging the public. How can we present data in a way that engages and impacts an audience, especially hard-to-reach individuals? As a solution to this conundrum, science and art should not exist on separate planes, polarized by different processes. Creative media can powerfully convey scientific knowledge. By harnessing one of the oldest and most ubiquitous languages of civilization, scientists can bridge gaps, convey complexities, and build trust.

Scientific illustration is the accurate depiction of objects and concepts in the sciences, including wildlife, botanical, and medical illustrations, but also textbook illustrations and sculptures (Hodges 1989)¹. While these creations can be beautiful works of art in and of themselves, the focus remains on accuracy, reflecting the findings of science and technology, and taking the viewer to the often unobservable (Hodges 2003)².

The earliest scientists did not have computers or cameras to document their work. Instead, they relied on writing and artwork to report their findings and collaborate with colleagues in their fields. This golden age of scientific illustration propelled advances in the sciences. Some of the most important discoveries in science and medicine are preserved through hand-rendered illustrations. Leonardo da Vinci, Charles Darwin, and John James Audubon are just three examples of the numerous researchers of centuries past that were both scientists and artists (Simpson & Barnes 2008)³. In their footsteps, many of today's scientific illustrators are also trained in both art and science, providing a necessary and often underutilized service to fellow researchers who wish to visualize their work.

Traditional approaches and techniques of scientific illustration include careful renderings in pen and ink, to precise painting in watercolor and oil paint. The advent of printing brought woodcuts, copper etchings and lithography, which in most cases, outside of a fine arts realm, have given way to full-digital printing and even digitally rendered drawings (Hodges 2003, Simpson & Barnes 2008). Scientific illustration, and more specifically, botanical illustration, has evolved with technological change. A combination of practices is often used today, with hand-drawn or painted images digitally processed for reproduction and print. The use of photography, however, as a technique for scientific illustration has been met with criticism in the past (Hodges 1989, Simpson *et al.* 2008). Despite this, some of the earliest photography techniques were used to create unique specimen guides. Anna Atkins' 1943 work, *British Algae: Cyanotype Impressions* (cyanotype blueprint process invented by Sir John Herschel), is an extraordinary example of the first scientific manual to be printed using photography. Today, many modern field guides use a combination of

1 Hodges, E. R. 1989. Scientific illustration: A working relationship between the scientist and artist. *Bioscience*, 104–111.

2 Hodges, E. R. 2003. The guild handbook of scientific illustration. John Wiley & Sons.

3 Simpson, N., & P. G. Barnes. 2008. Photography and contemporary botanical illustration. *Curtis's Botanical Magazine*, 25(3), 258–280.

photography and drawing (Schaaf 1982⁴, Simpson & Barnes 2008). Embracing digital techniques may come slowly in the world of botanical illustration. However, new advances in photography techniques and software can be combined with traditional techniques to create highly detailed images (Simpson & Barnes 2008) fit for sharing with the scientific community and public in the modern digital age.

With this concept in mind, the goal of this project was to develop a novel illustrated guide for identifying Mojave native and exotic plant seeds and germinating seedlings. We worked with the Bureau of Land Management to identify priority restoration species. The focus on young seedlings (cotyledons and first leaves) is one of the first of its kind to assist in soil seed bank analysis, restoration projects, and identifying natural regeneration in the field. The ability to identify native plant seedlings and assist their establishment is valuable. Agency land managers could use this guide for assisted natural regeneration at restoration sites. There are private landowners interested in using native plants for landscaping but have trouble locating native plants for sale. Additionally, seed descriptions are often hard to interpret, and images or illustrations are nonexistent for many species. We hope the artwork of this unique project will provide a valuable tool for land managers, fellow researchers and for public education to reach a wider audience.

Now more than ever, we need to find a way to bring scientific discourse to the public using a relatable medium. As the adage says, a picture is worth a thousand words.

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Species Information Sources:

Calflora
Flora of North America
NatureServe
SEINet
The Jepson Manual: Vascular Plants of California
USDA PLANTS Database

⁴ Schaaf, L. 1982. Anna Atkin's cyanotypes: An experiment in photographic publishing. *History of Photography*, 6(2), 151–172.

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Amaranthaceae (pigweed family)

Amaranthus fimbriatus

(Torr.) Benth. ex S. Watson

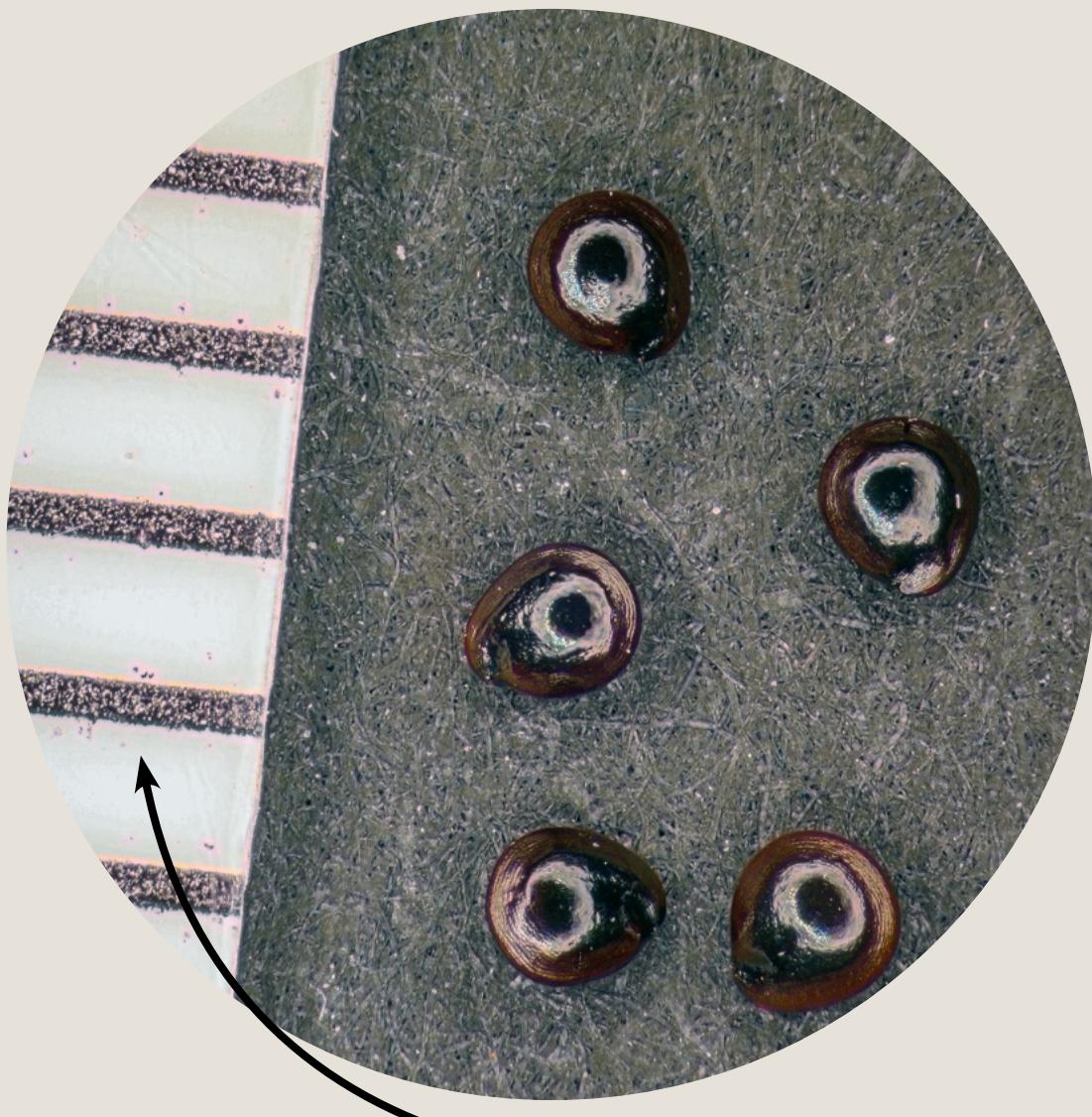
COMMON NAME: Fringed amaranth

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Sandy, gravelly slopes, washes, and disturbed habitats, below 1200 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NM, NV, TX, UT



The scale of the seed
ruler is 1 mm.

Amaranthaceae (pigweed family)

Atriplex canescens

(Pursh) Nutt.

COMMON NAME: Fourwing saltbush

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Sandy or gravelly soils, from desert scrub to pinon-juniper communities, 100–200 m

DISTRIBUTION: Most of Western North America



Amaranthaceae (pigweed family)

Atriplex hymenelytra

(Torr.) S. Watson

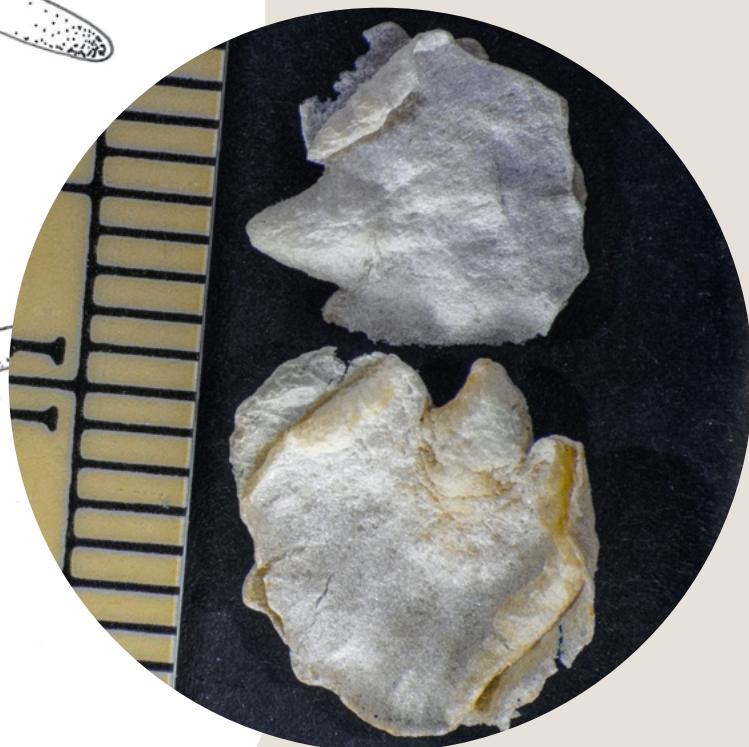
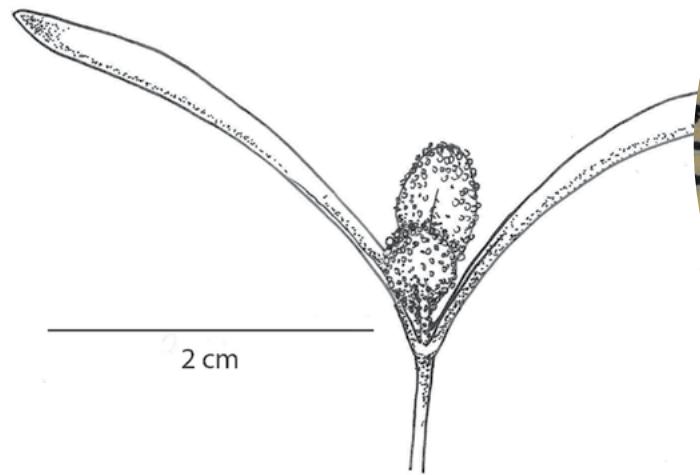
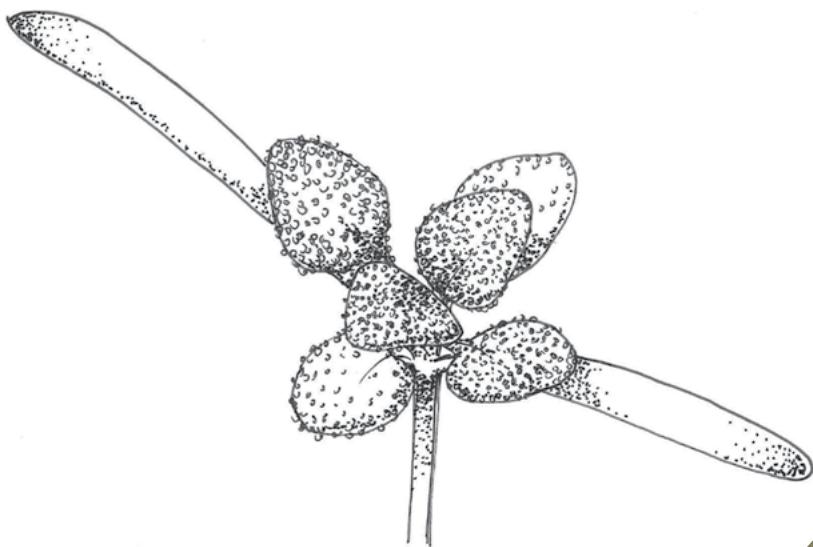
COMMON NAME: Desert holly

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Dry, saline alluvial fans and hills, below 1200 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Amaranthaceae (pigweed family)

Atriplex lentiformis

(Torr.) S. Watson

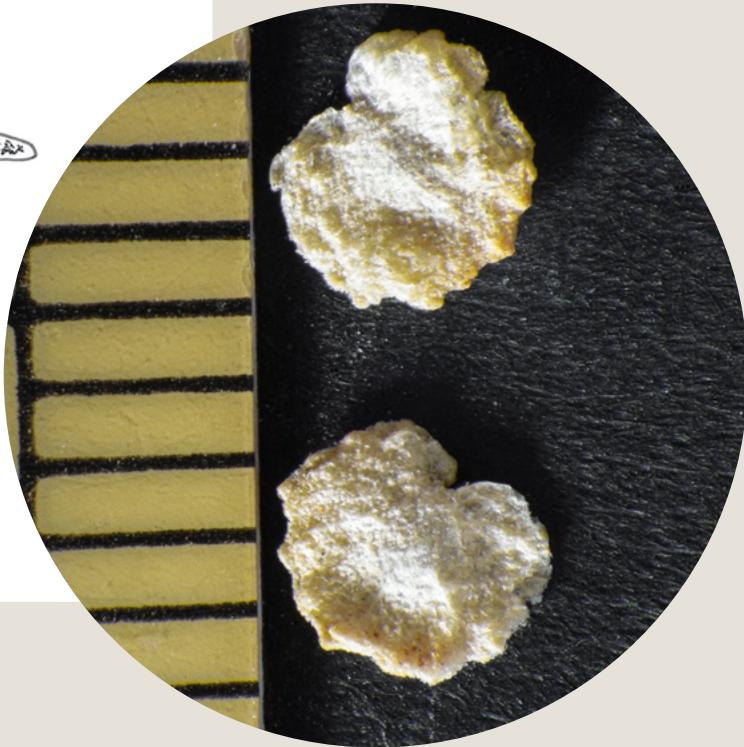
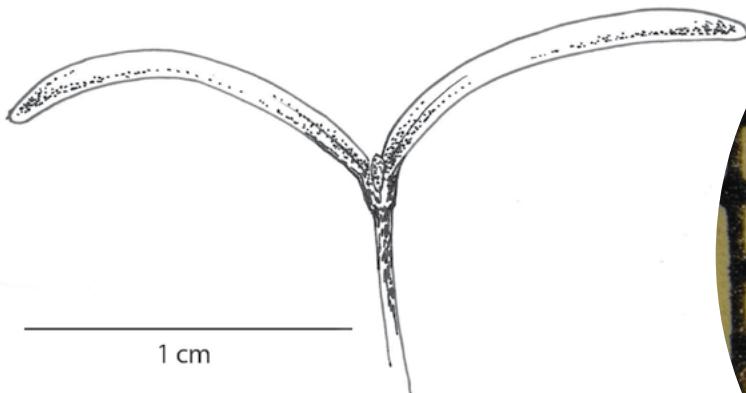
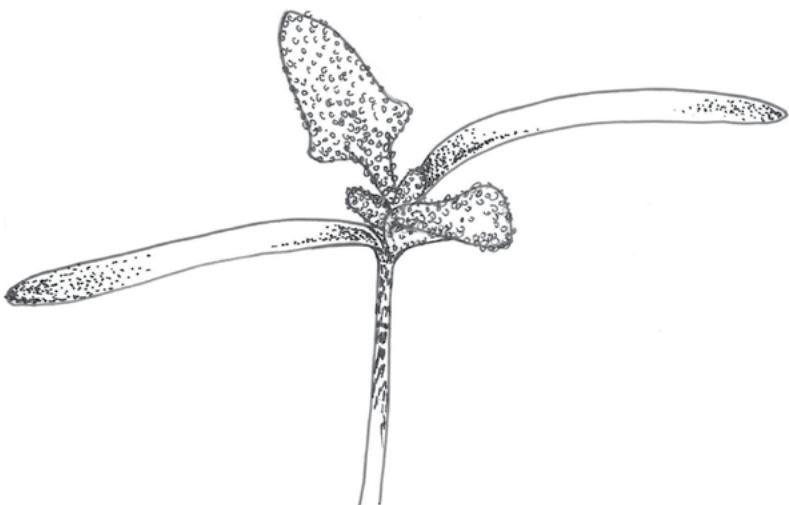
COMMON NAME: Quailbush

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Saline to essentially non-saline drainages, stream and canal banks, roadsides, warm desert shrub, saltbush, and riparian communities, 70–1000 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Amaranthaceae (pigweed family)

Atriplex polycarpa

(Torr.) S. Watson

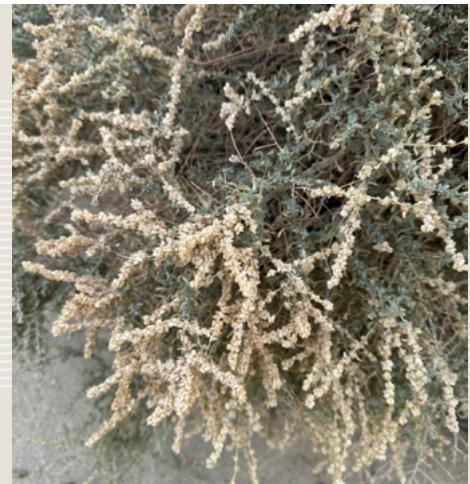
COMMON NAME: Cattle saltbush

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Sandy to rocky soils of flats, washes and slopes, below 1050 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Apiaceae (carrot family)

Lomatium parryi

(S. Watson) J.F. Macbr.

COMMON NAME: Utah desert parsley

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Forb

HABITAT: Rocky slopes, generally in pinyon woodland, 1500–2500 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Apocynaceae (dogbane family)

Asclepias erosa

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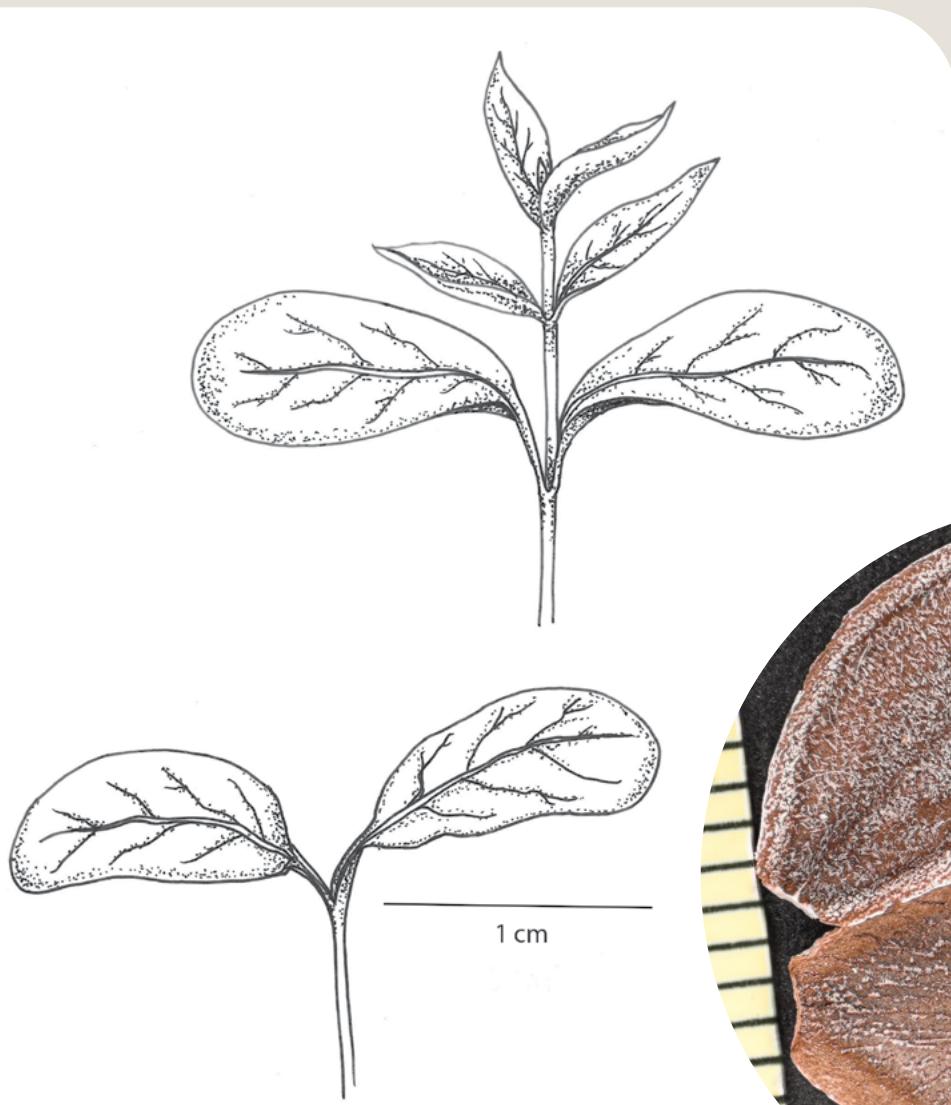
COMMON NAME: Desert milkweed

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Forb

HABITAT: Washes and roadsides in Sonoran and Mohave Desert scrub, especially on sandy plains and hummocks on either side of the Lower Colorado River, 50–1500 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Apocynaceae (dogbane family)

Asclepias subulata

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COMMON NAME: Rush milkweed

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Forb

HABITAT: Washes and roadsides in Sonoran and Mohave Desert scrub, especially on sandy plains and hummocks on either side of the Lower Colorado River, 50–1500 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV



Asparagaceae (asparagus family)

Yucca brevifolia var. *jaegeriana*

McKelvey

COMMON NAME: Eastern Joshua tree

GROUP: Monocot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Deserts and chaparral, rocky or gravelly mountain slopes,
300–1200 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Asparagaceae (asparagus family)

Yucca schidigera

Roezl ex Ortgies

COMMON NAME: Mojave yucca

GROUP: Monocot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Deserts and chaparral, rocky or gravelly mountain slopes,
300–1200 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Asteraceae (sunflower family)

Ambrosia dumosa

(A. Gray) Payne

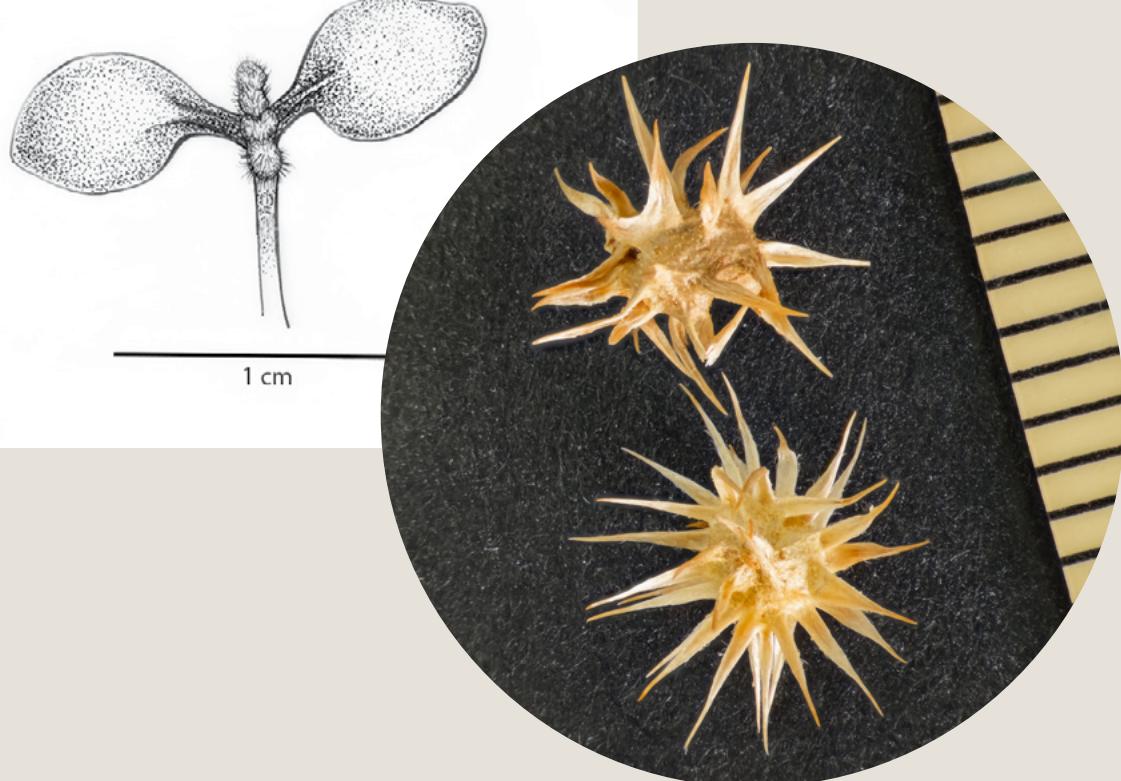
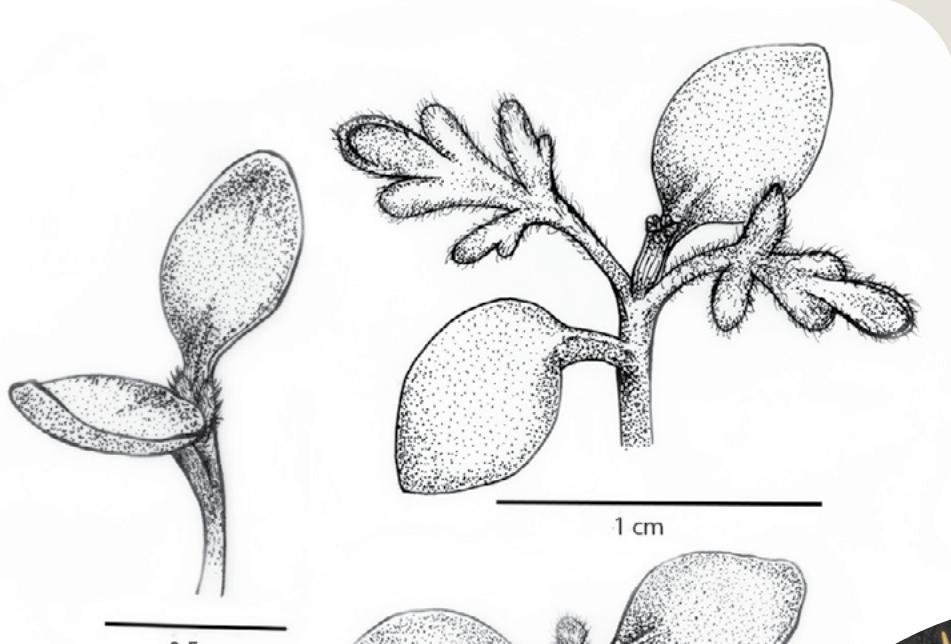
COMMON NAME: Hollyleaf bursage

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Sandy and gravelly washes, 700–1700 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Asteraceae (sunflower family)

Ambrosia eriocentra

(A. Gray) Payne

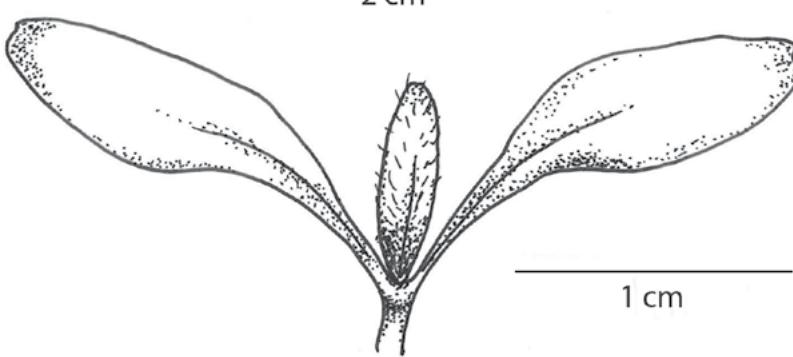
COMMON NAME: White bursage

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Subshrub

HABITAT: Rocky or sandy washes, benches, -80 to 1700 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Asteraceae (sunflower family)

Ambrosia salsola

(Torr. & A. Gray) Strother & B.G. Baldwin

var. *salsola*

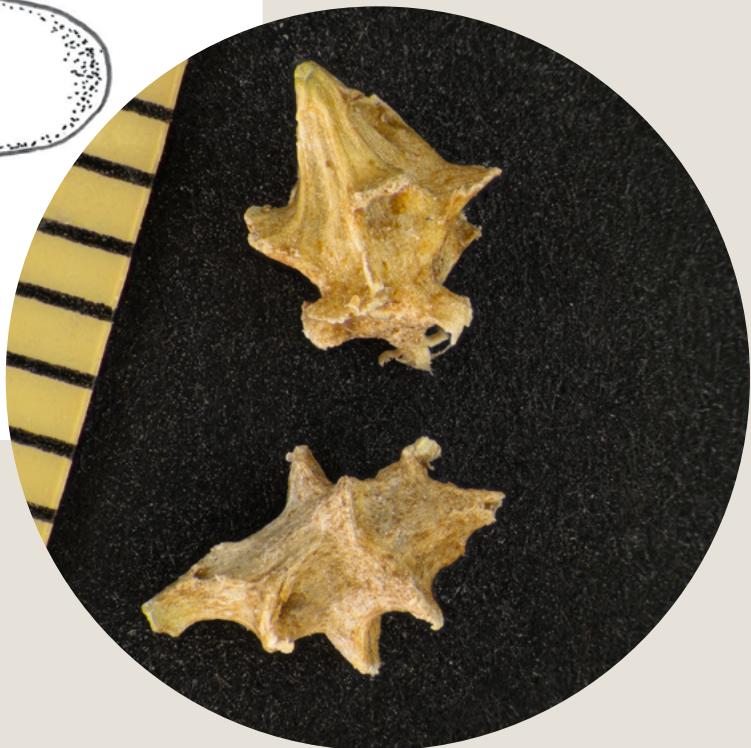
COMMON NAME: Cheesebush

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Subshrub

HABITAT: Desert washes, sandy and gravelly benches, lava talus,
200–1800 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Asteraceae (sunflower family)

Anisocoma acaulis

Torr. & A. Gray

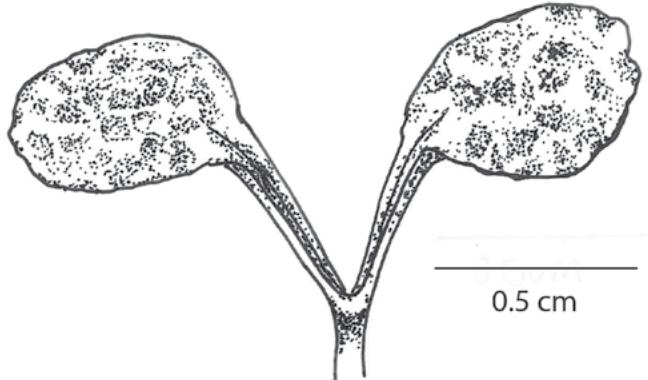
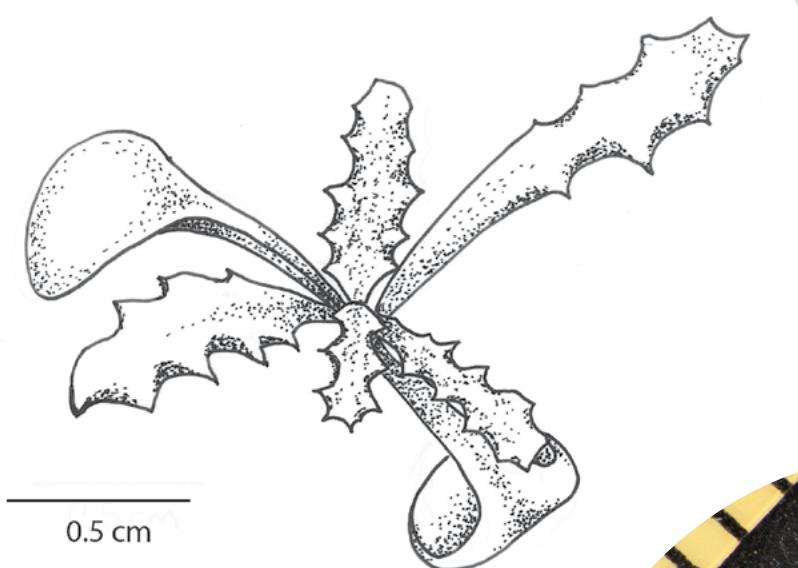
COMMON NAME: Scalebud

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Forb

HABITAT: Sandy washes, dry slopes, chaparral, pine-oak-juniper woodlands, montane coniferous forests, 20–2400 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV



Asteraceae (sunflower family)

Baileya multiradiata

Harv. & A. Gray ex A. Gray

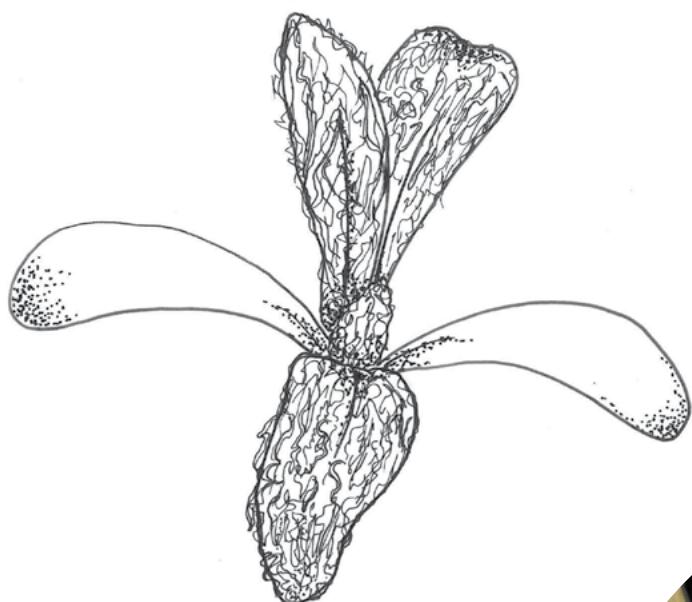
COMMON NAME: Desert marigold

GROUP: Dicot

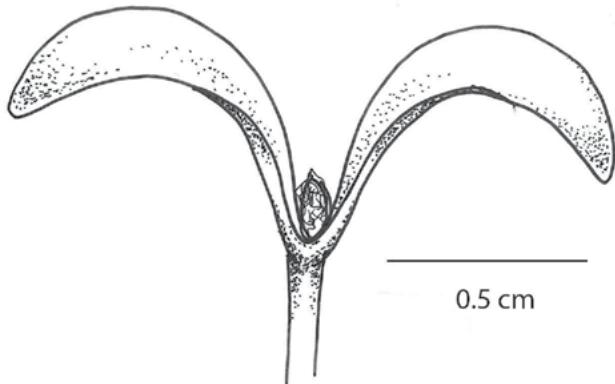
DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Forb

HABITAT: Arroyo bottoms, outwash slopes, sandy plains and roadsides,
below 1500 m

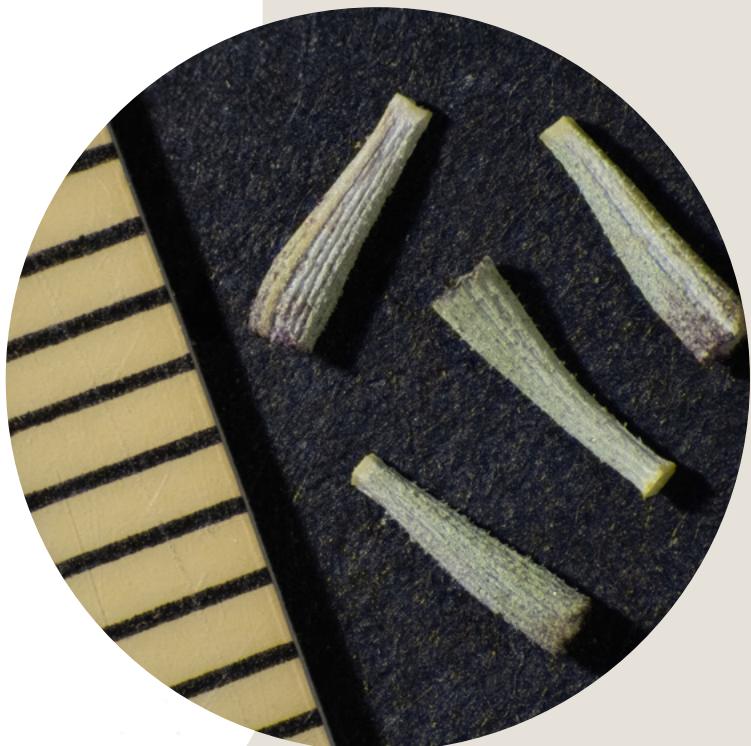
DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NM, NV, TX, UT



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0.5 cm



Asteraceae (sunflower family)

Chaenactis fremontii

A. Gray

COMMON NAME: Fremont pincushion

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Sandy or gravelly soils, in warm deserts, often growing through shrubs, below 1700 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Asteraceae (sunflower family)

Encelia farinosa

A. Gray ex Torr.

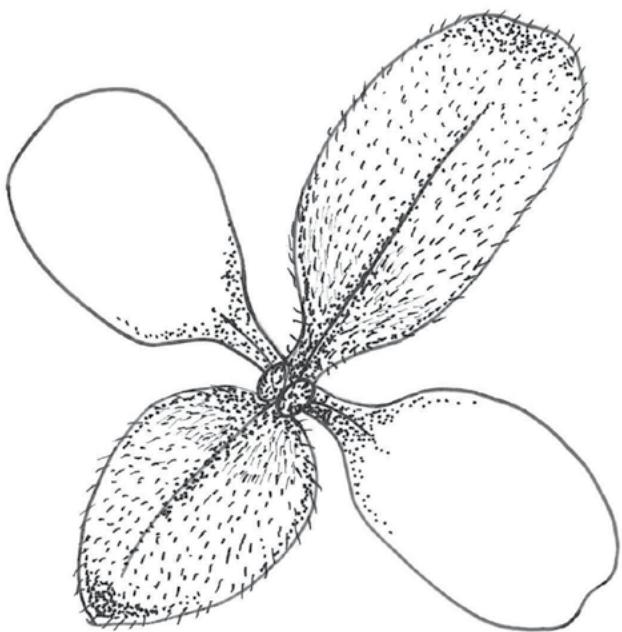
COMMON NAME: Brittlebush

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub/Subshrub

HABITAT: Dry, rocky or gravelly slopes, below 900 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Asteraceae (sunflower family)

Encelia virginensis

A. Nelson

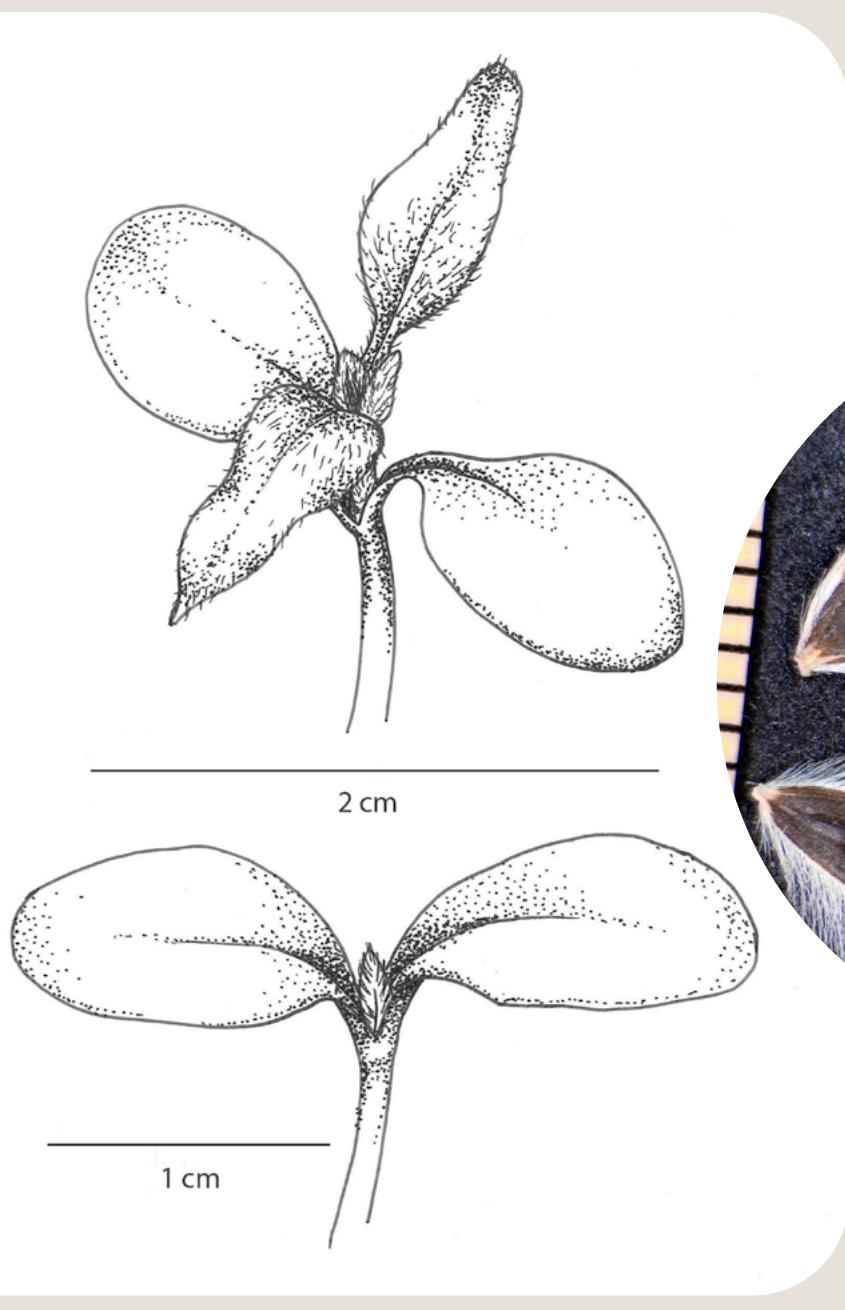
COMMON NAME: Virgin River brittlebush

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub/Subshrub

HABITAT: Flats, along washes, and on slopes, 300–1200 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NM, NV, UT



Asteraceae (sunflower family)

Ericameria cooperi

(A. Gray) H.M. Hall

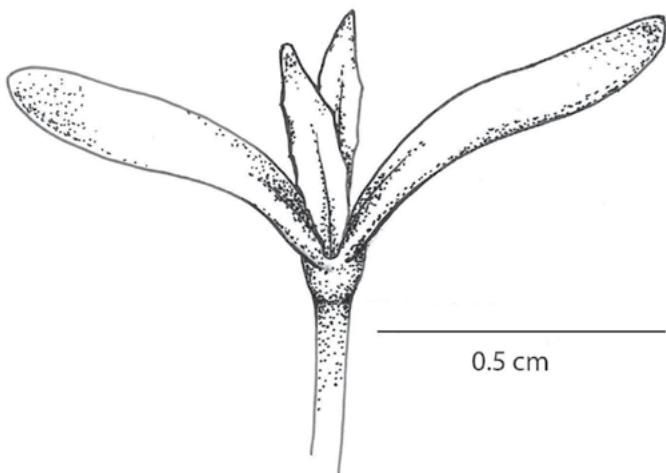
COMMON NAME: Cooper's goldenbush

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Rocky slopes, valleys, in creosote-bush scrub, Joshua-tree woodland, 300–2000 m

DISTRIBUTION: CA, NV



Asteraceae (sunflower family)

Gutierrezia microcephala

(DC.) A. Gray

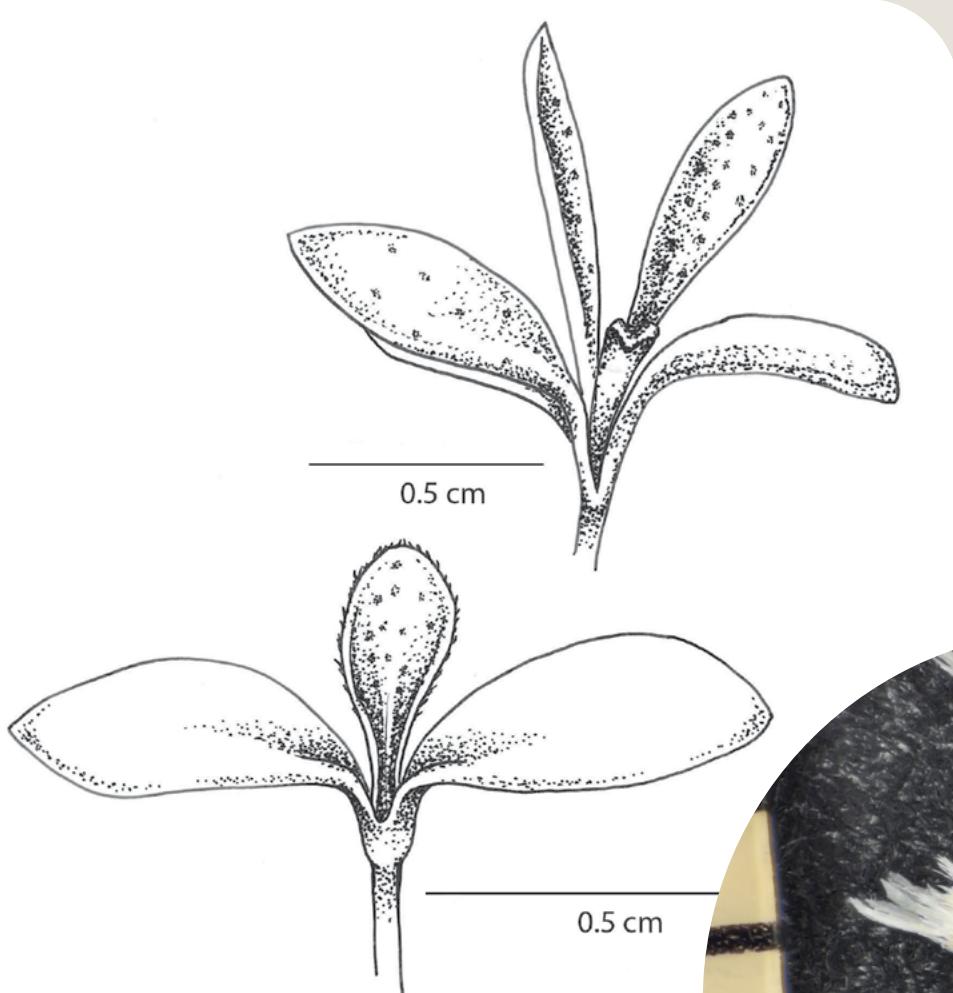
COMMON NAME: Threadleaf snakeweed

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub/Subshrub

HABITAT: Dry, open, often disturbed/overgrazed areas, 300–2150 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, NM, NV, TX, UT



Asteraceae (sunflower family)

Malacothrix glabrata

(A. Gray ex D. C. Eaton) A. Gray

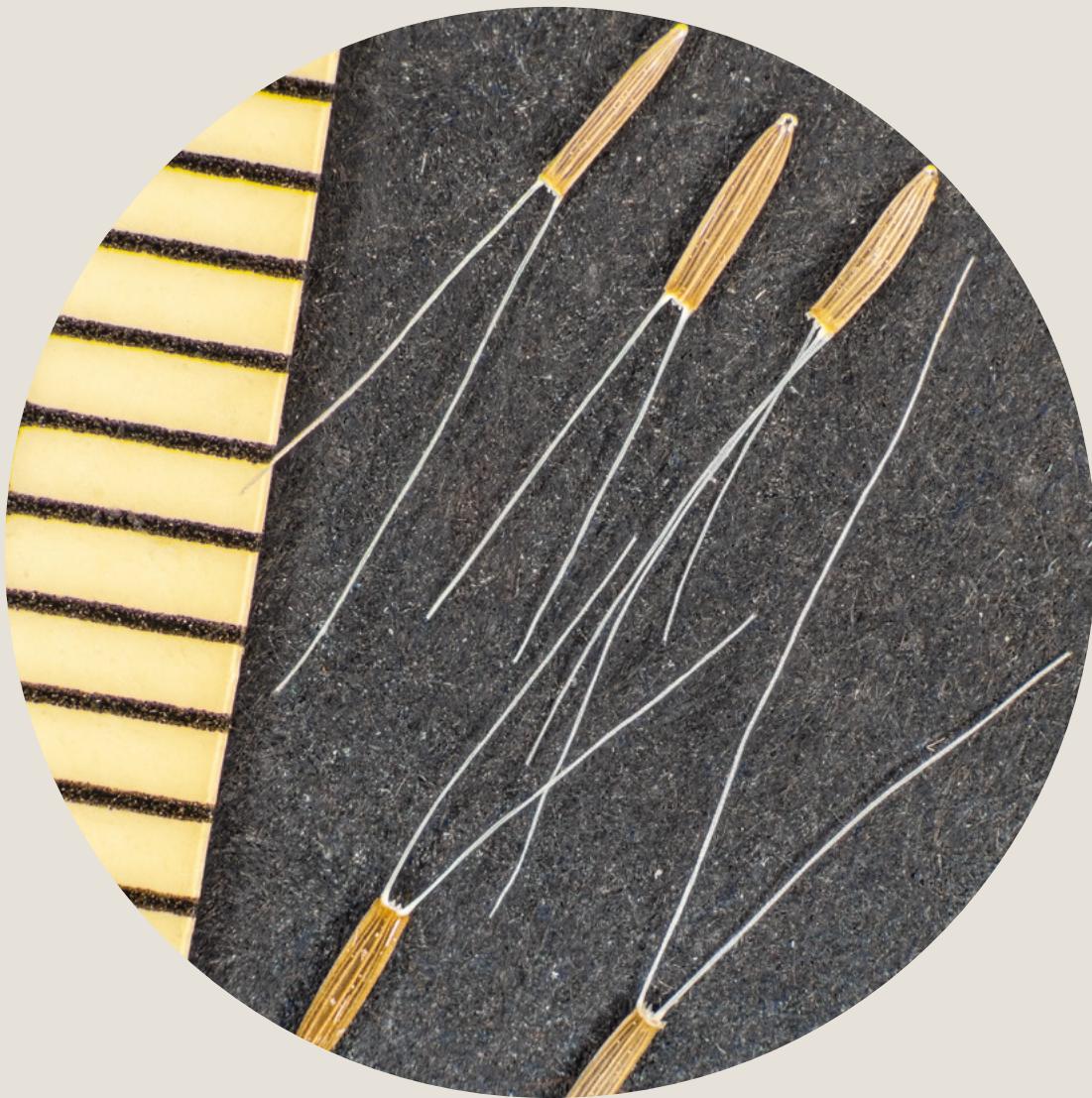
COMMON NAME: Desert dandelion

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Sandy and gravelly plains, rocky hillsides and mesas, below 2150 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, ID, NM, NV, OR, UT



Asteraceae (sunflower family)

Pectis papposa

Harv. & A. Gray

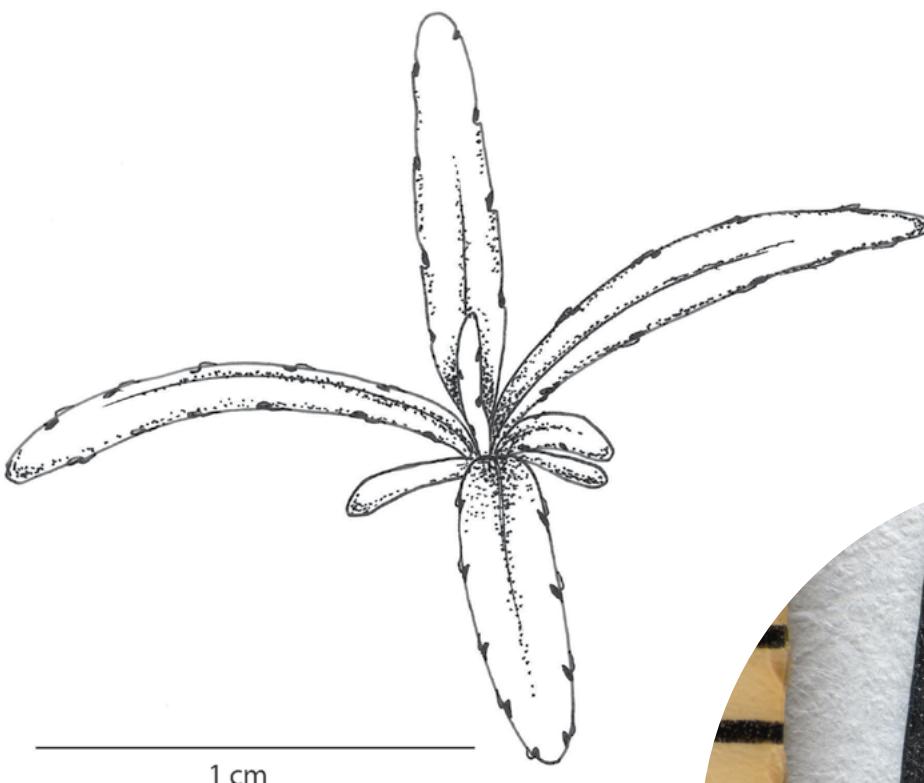
COMMON NAME: Chinchweed

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Sandy or gravelly soils, plains and mesas, below 1850 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NM, NV, TX, UT



Asteraceae (sunflower family)

Stephanomeria exigua

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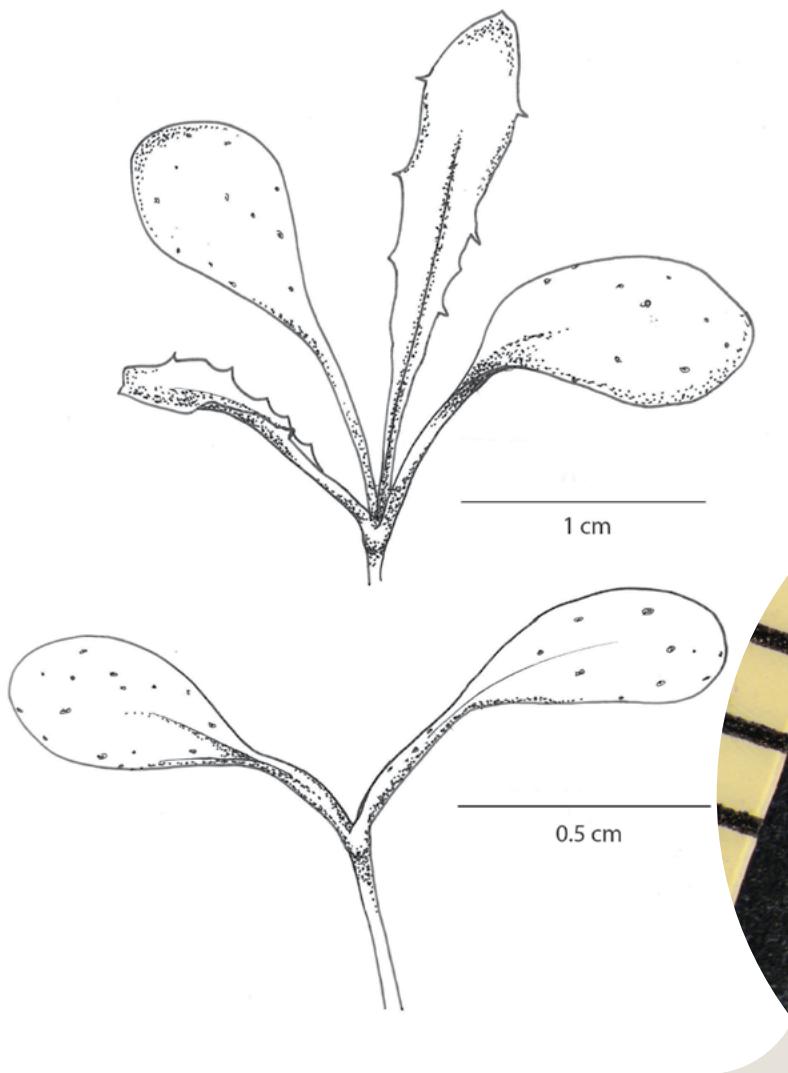
COMMON NAME: Small wirelettuce

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Plains, mesas, hillsides, desert scrub, dry disturbed ground, and among shrubs, 600–2450 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, ID, NM, NV, NY, OR, TX, UT, WY



Asteraceae (sunflower family)

Stephanomeria pauciflora

(Torr.) A. Nelson

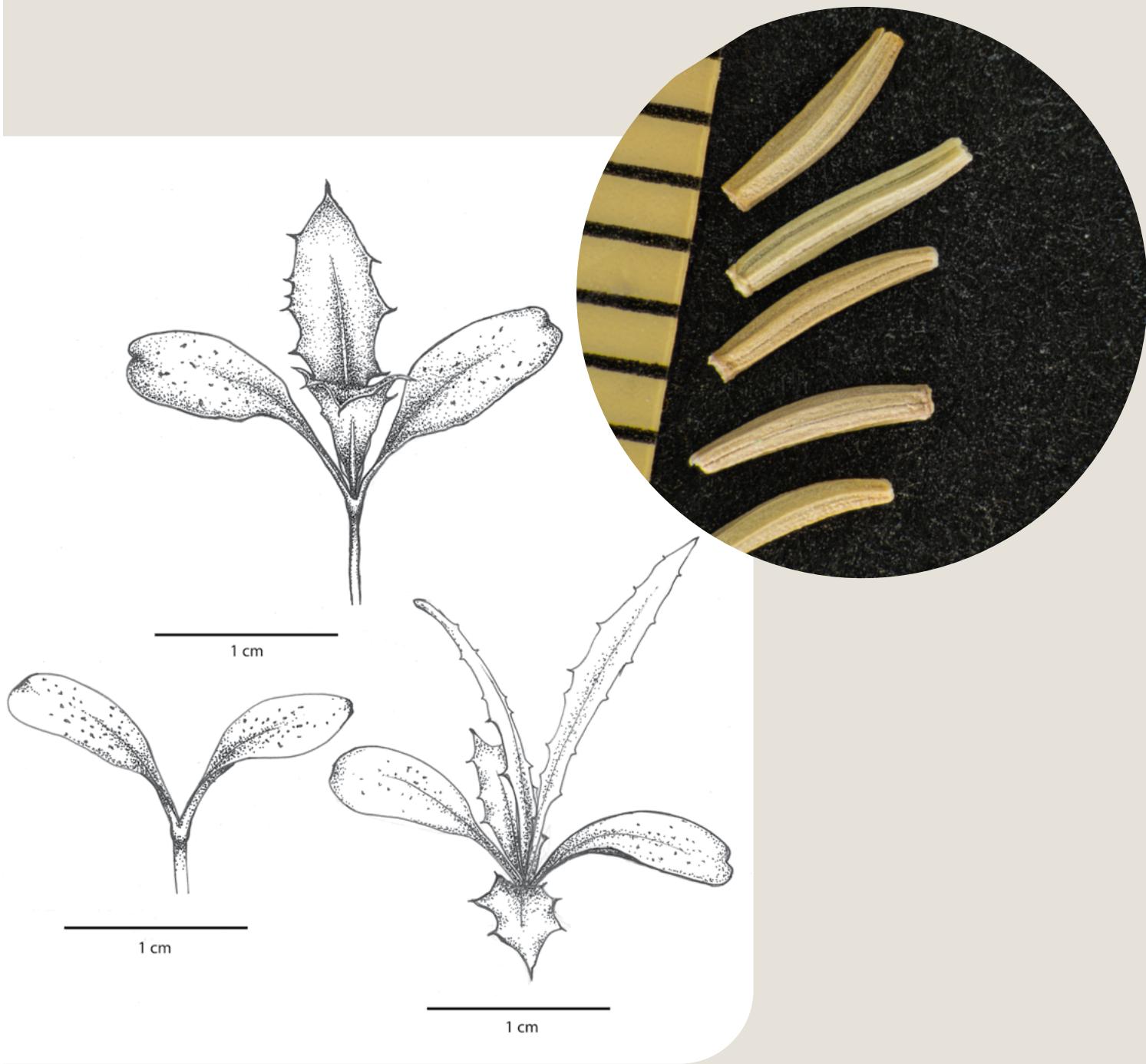
COMMON NAME: Brownplume wirelettuce

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Forb

HABITAT: Found along washes, on gravelly bajadas, plains, and arid mesas, below 2150 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, KS, NM, NV, OK, TX, UT, WY



Asteraceae (sunflower family)

Xylorhiza tortifolia

(Torr. & A. Gray) Greene

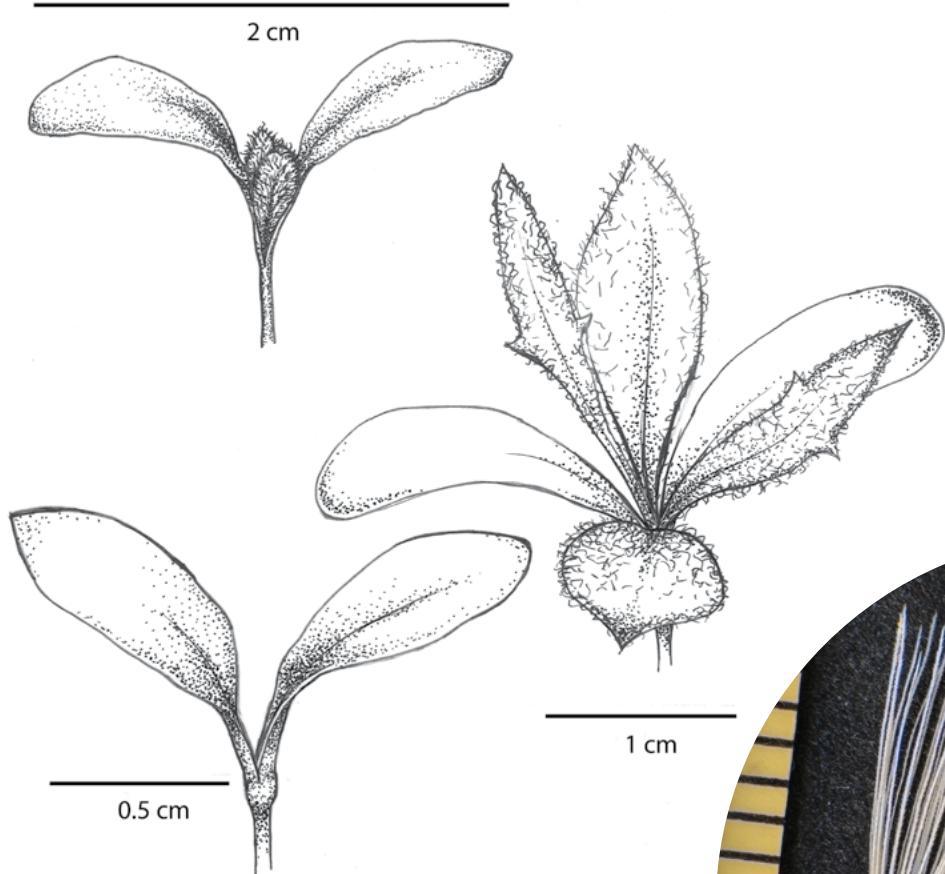
COMMON NAME: Mojave aster

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Forb

HABITAT: Sandy or gravelly slopes and flats, often over clay, alkaline, barren areas, in creosote bush, sagebrush, shadscale, blackbrush, and juniper communities, below 2000 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Bignoniaceae (trumpet creeper family)

Chilopsis linearis

(Cav.) Sweet

ssp. *arcuata*

(Fosberg) Henrickson

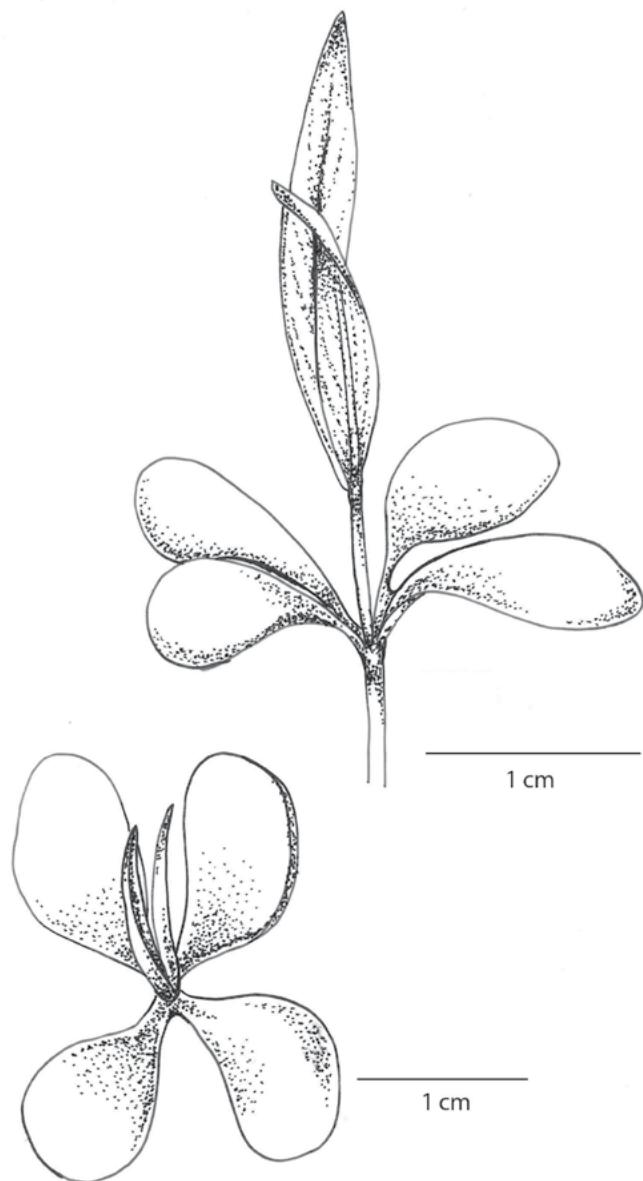
COMMON NAME: Desert willow

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Tree

HABITAT: Dry washes and on the high terraces of river floodplains in the low deserts and foothills, below 1750 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, KS, NM, NV, OK, TX, UT



Boraginaceae (forget-me-not family)

Amsinckia tessellata

A. Gray

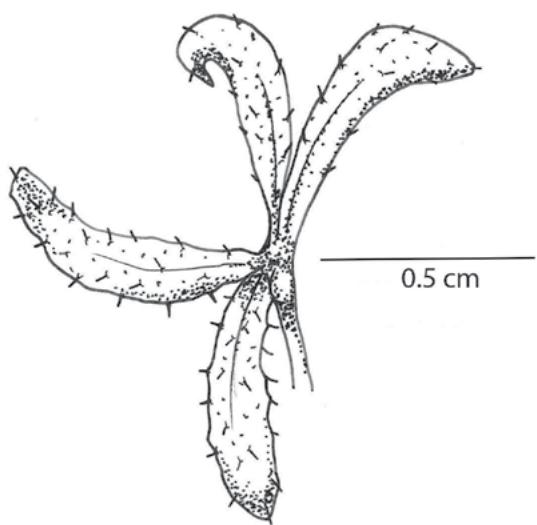
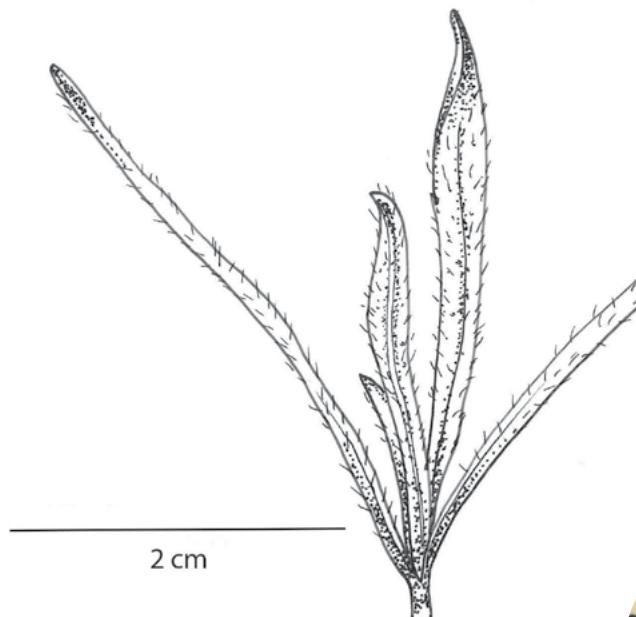
COMMON NAME: Bristly fiddleneck

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Grassy slopes, valley floors, rocky to gravelly soil, slopes, flats, and arroyo beds, below 1500 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, ID, MO, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA



Boraginaceae (forget-me-not family)

Eremocarya micrantha* var. *micrantha

(Torr.) Greene

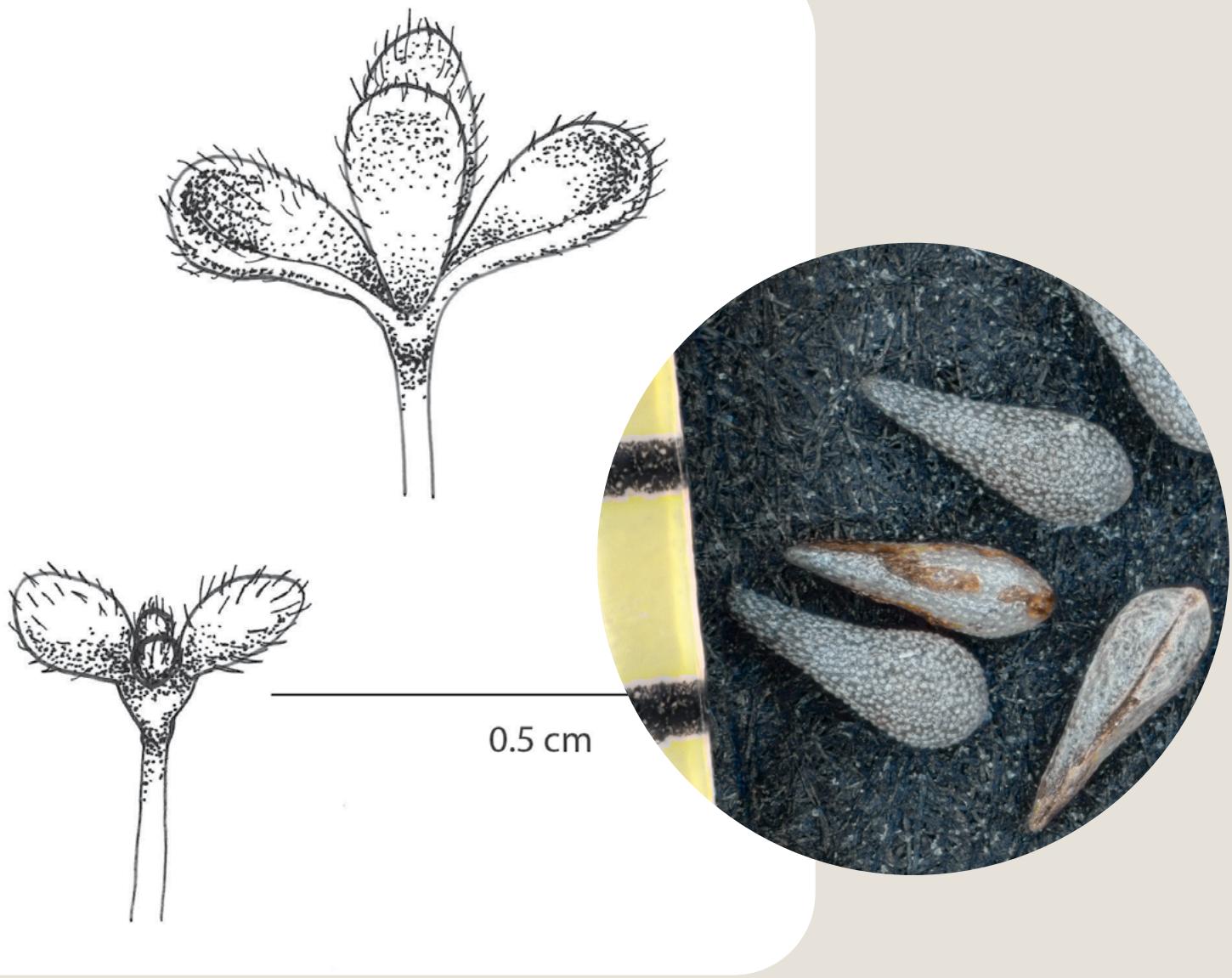
COMMON NAME: Redroot cryptantha

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Sandy soil, often in creosote shrubland, 2150 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NM, NV, OR, TX, UT



Brassicaceae (mustard family)

Descurainia pinnata

(Walter) Britton

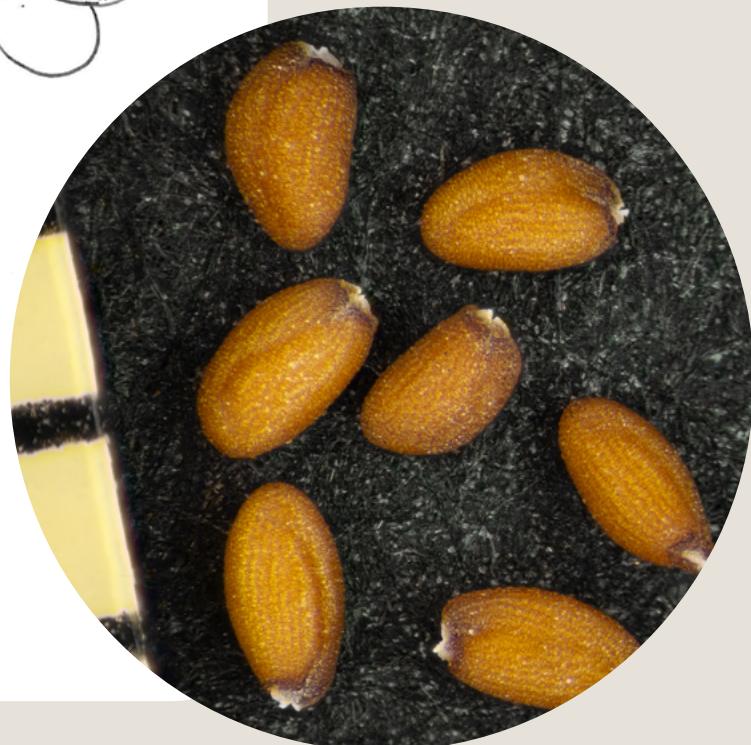
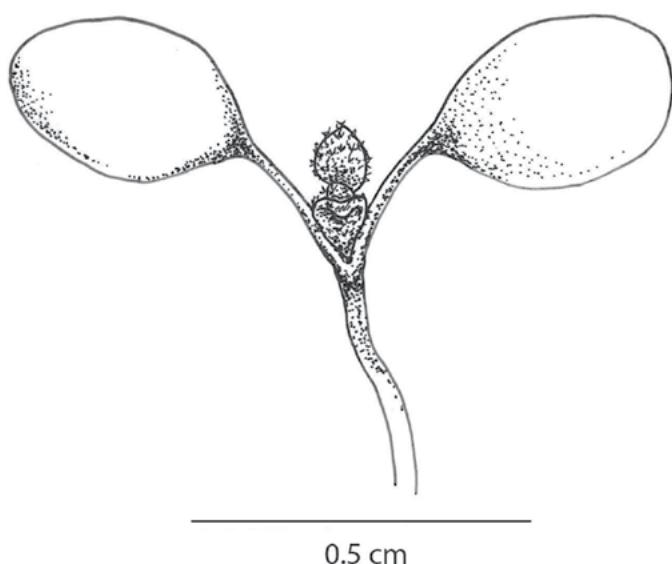
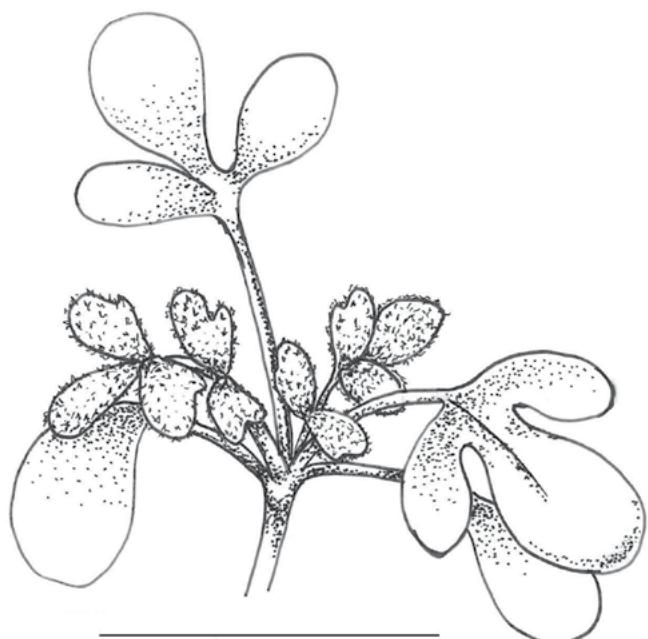
COMMON NAME: Western tansymustard

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Variety of soils and conditions, below 2450 m

DISTRIBUTION: Throughout North America



Brassicaceae (mustard family)

Lepidium fremontii

S. Watson

COMMON NAME: Desert pepperweed

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub/Subshrub

HABITAT: Dry sandy or gravelly soils in desert shrub communities, plains and mesas, pinon-juniper woodlands, washes, deserts, barren knolls, bluffs, roadsides, steep limestone outcrops, rocky ledges and slopes, 450–2150 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Brassicaceae (mustard family)

Lepidium lasiocarpum

Nutt.

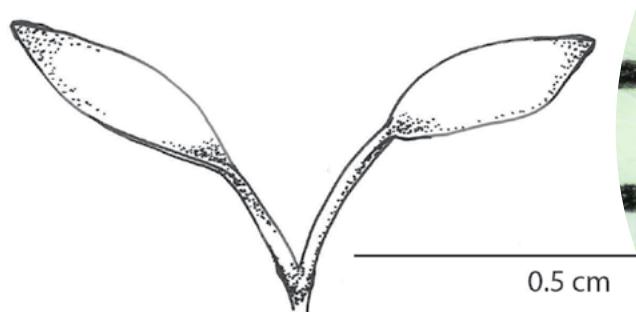
COMMON NAME: Shaggyfruit pepperweed

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Playas, washes, arroyos, beaches, saline soils, roadsides and other disturbed areas, below 2000 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, NM, NV, SC, TX, UT



Cactaceae (cactus family)

Echinocereus engelmannii

(Parry ex Engelm.) Lem.

COMMON NAME: Engelmann's hedgehog cactus

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Shrub

HABITAT: Gravelly, sandy, or rocky soils, 600–1500 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Cactaceae (cactus family)

Opuntia phaeacantha

Engelm.

COMMON NAME: Tulip prickly pear

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Deserts, chaparral, surrounding mountains, plains, sandy to rocky soils, 200–2100 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, KS, NM, NV, OK, SD, TX, UT



Cleomaceae (spiderflower family)

Peritoma arborea

(Nutt.) H.H. Iltis

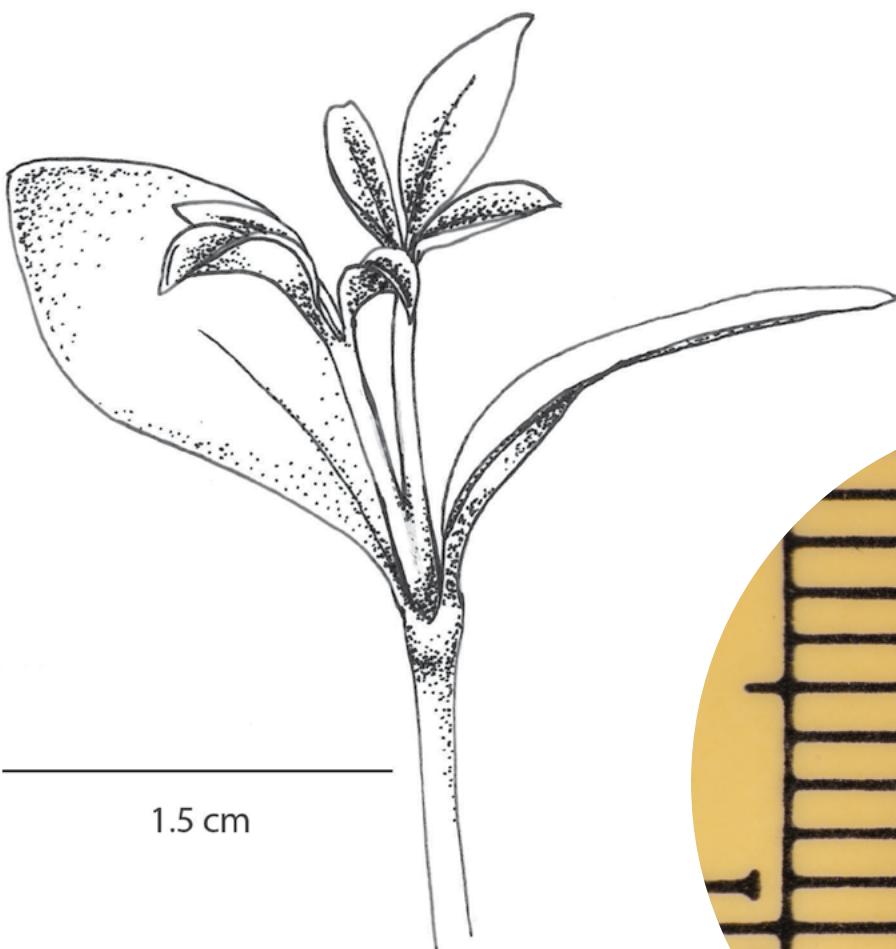
COMMON NAME: Bladderpod

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Shrub

HABITAT: Coastal bluffs, hills, desert washes and flats, 0–1300 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA



Cleomaceae (spiderflower family)

Oxystylis lutea

Torr. & Frém.

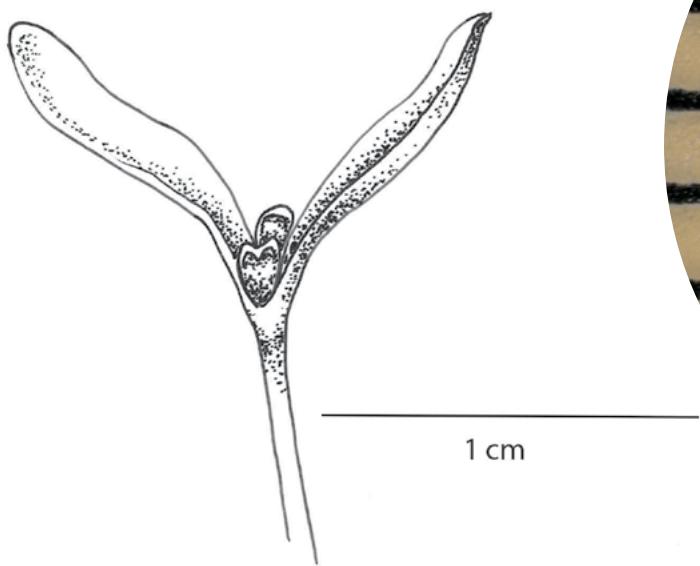
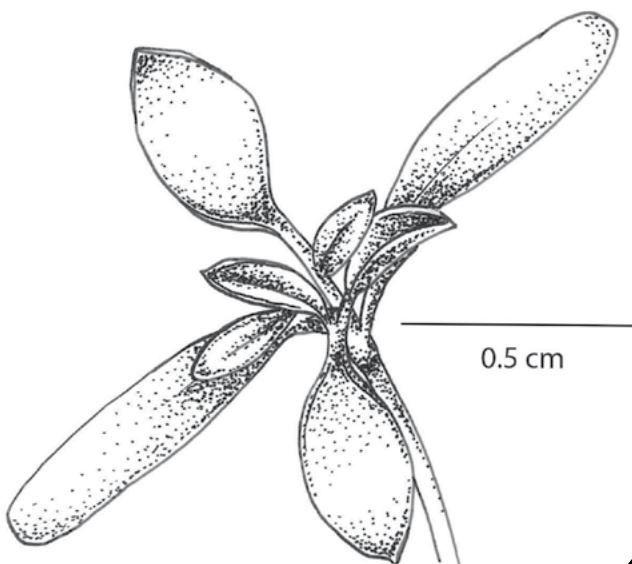
COMMON NAME: Spiny caper

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Dry, sandy, gravelly desert flats, scrub, 1200–1600 m

DISTRIBUTION: CA, NV



Ephedraceae (Mormon-tea family)

Ephedra nevadensis

S. Watson

COMMON NAME: Nevada Mormon-tea

GROUP: Gymnosperm

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Shrub

HABITAT: Dry, rocky slopes and hills, rarely in sandy flat areas,

700–1900 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, NV, OR, UT



Euphorbiaceae (spurge family)

Euphorbia micromera

Boiss.

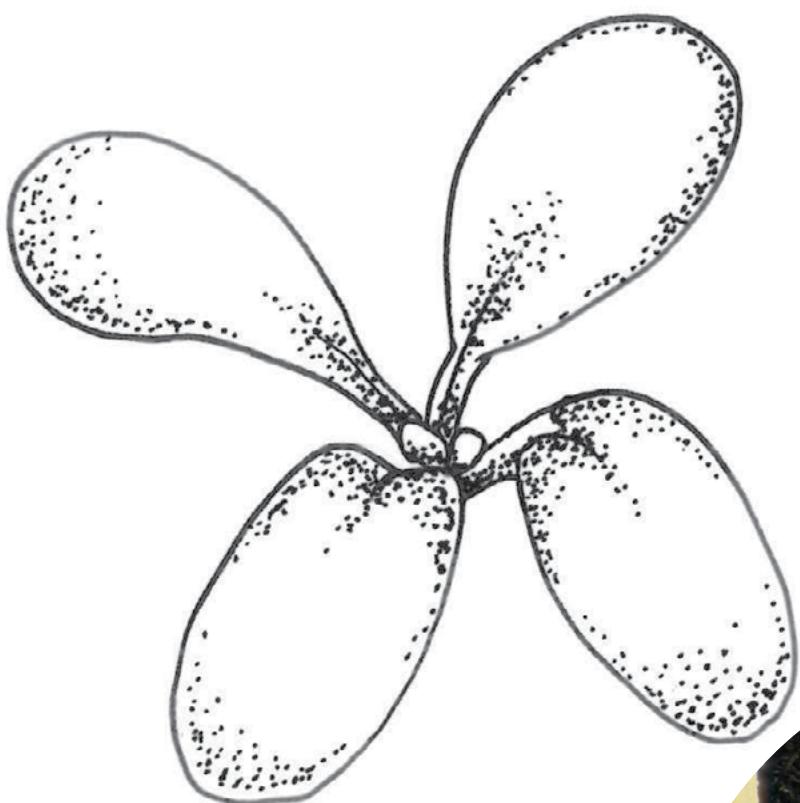
COMMON NAME: Sonoran sandmat

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Flats, washes, bajadas, and hillsides, 150–1500 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NM, NV, TX, UT



0.5 cm



Euphorbiaceae (spurge family)

Euphorbia polycarpa

Benth.

COMMON NAME: Smallseed sandmat

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Forb

HABITAT: Desert slopes and washes, 150–900 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV



Fabaceae (legume family)

Acmispon brachycarpus

Greene

COMMON NAME: Foothill deervetch

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Grassland, oak and pine woodland, desert flats and mountains, roadsides, below 1700 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NM, NV, OR, TX, UT



Fabaceae (legume family)

Acmispon rigidus

(Benth.) Brouillet

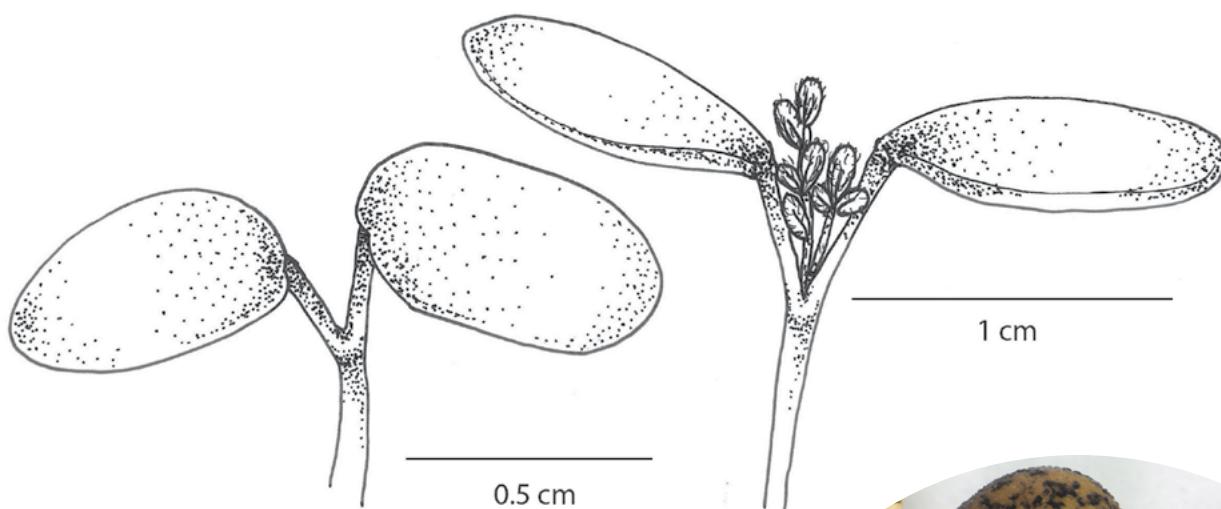
COMMON NAME: Shrubby deervetch

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Forb

HABITAT: Sandy, gravelly, or clayey soils often along washes and on rocky hillsides, below 1700 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Fabaceae (legume family)

Acmispon strigosus

(Nutt.) Brouillet

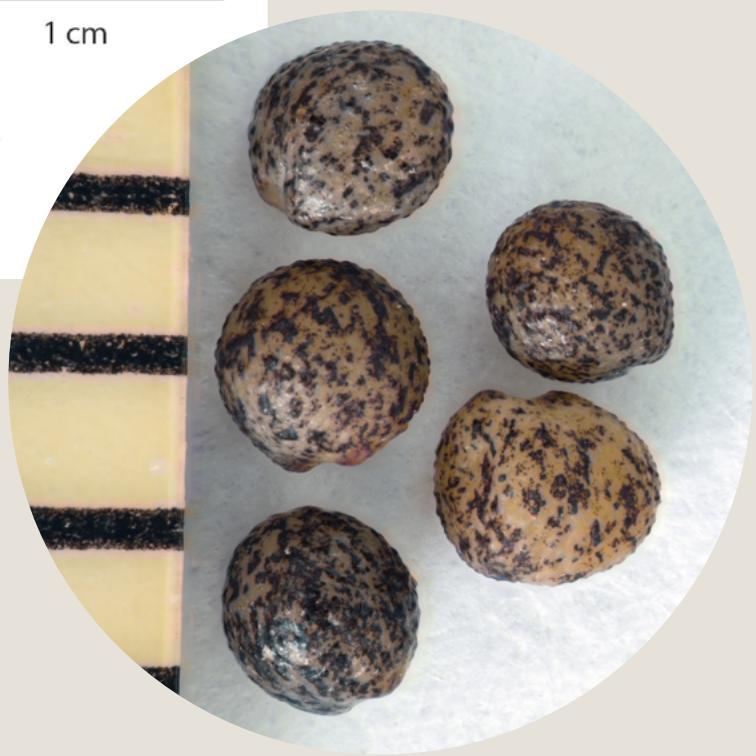
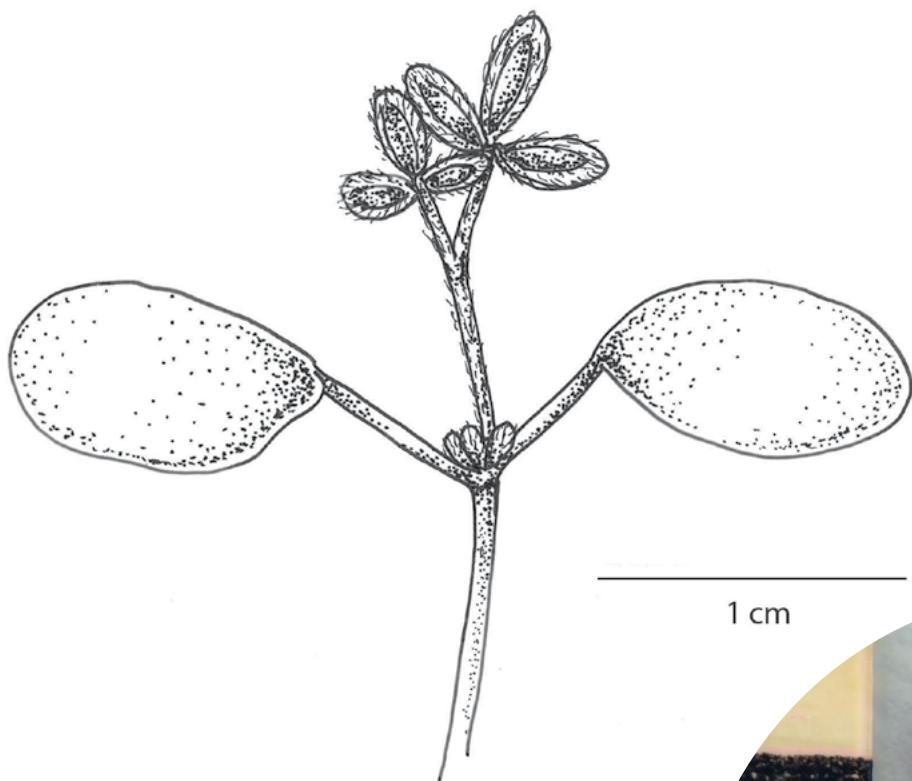
COMMON NAME: Strigose bird's-foot trefoil

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Sandy or gravelly soil, below 900 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV



Fabaceae (legume family)

Astragalus didymocarpus

Hook. & Arn.

var. didymocarpus

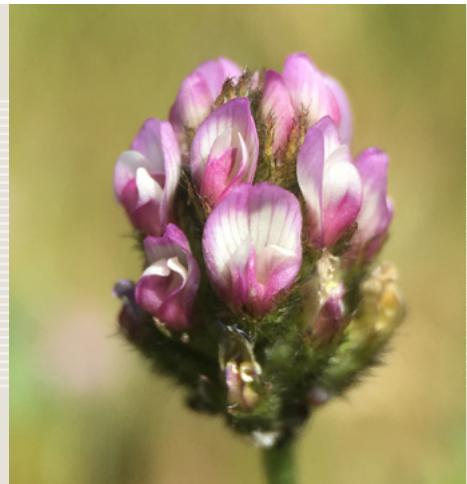
COMMON NAME: Two seeded milkvetch

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Grassland, creosote bush and Joshua tree woodland,
below 1350 m

DISTRIBUTION: CA, NV



Fabaceae (legume family)

Astragalus didymocarpus

Hook. & Arn.

var. dispermus

(A. Gray) Jeps.

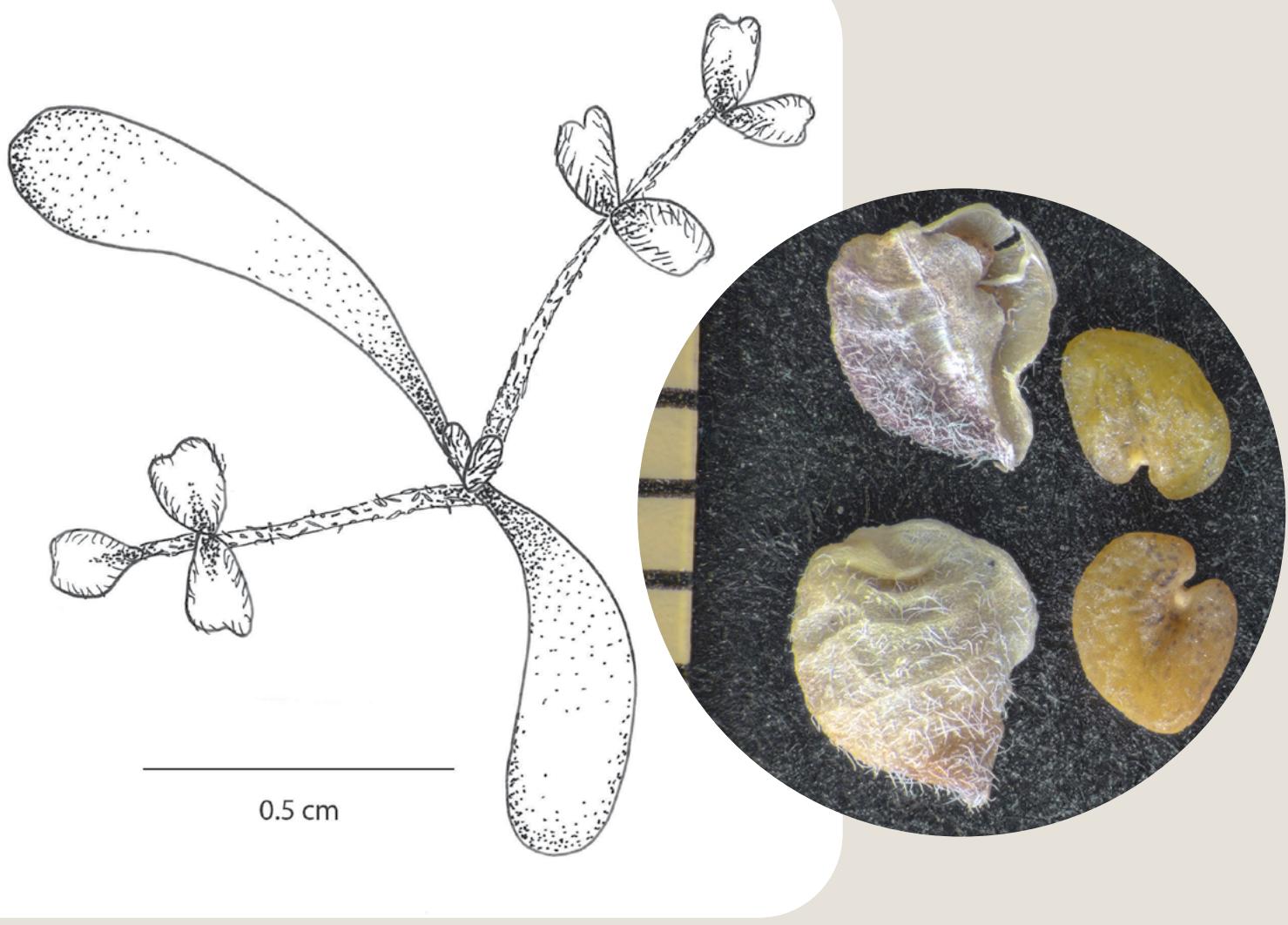
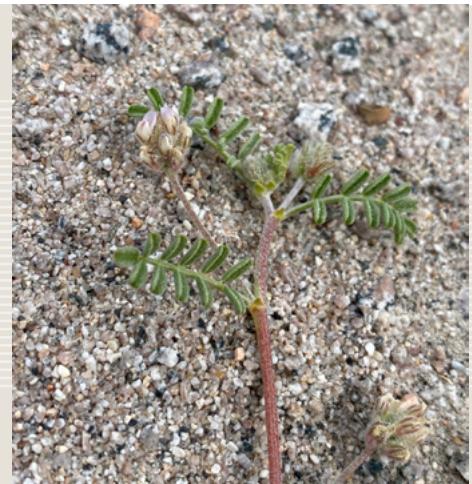
COMMON NAME: Dwarf white milkvetch

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Sandy flats, creosote bush scrub, deserts, below 900 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV



Fabaceae (legume family)

Astragalus layneae

Greene

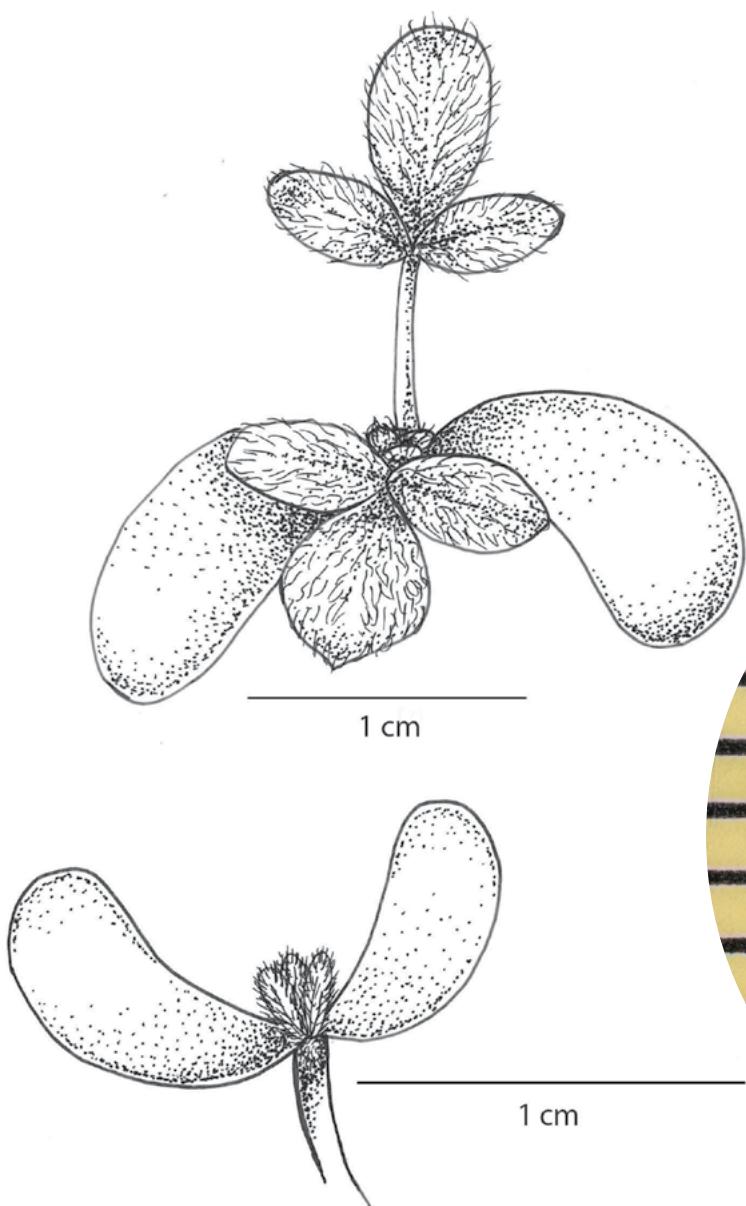
COMMON NAME: Widow's milkvetch

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Forb

HABITAT: Sandy flats, washes, 450–1550 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV



Fabaceae (legume family)

Lupinus arizonicus

(S. Watson) S. Watson

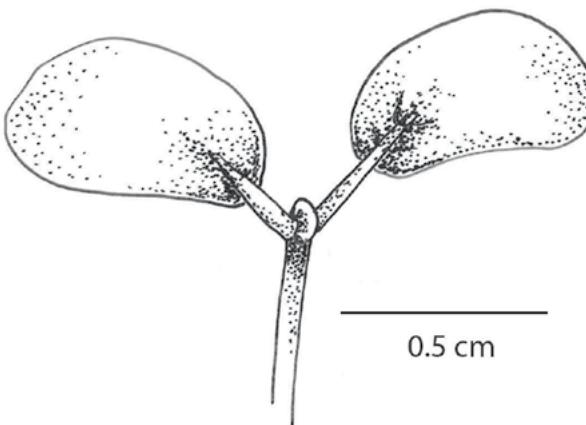
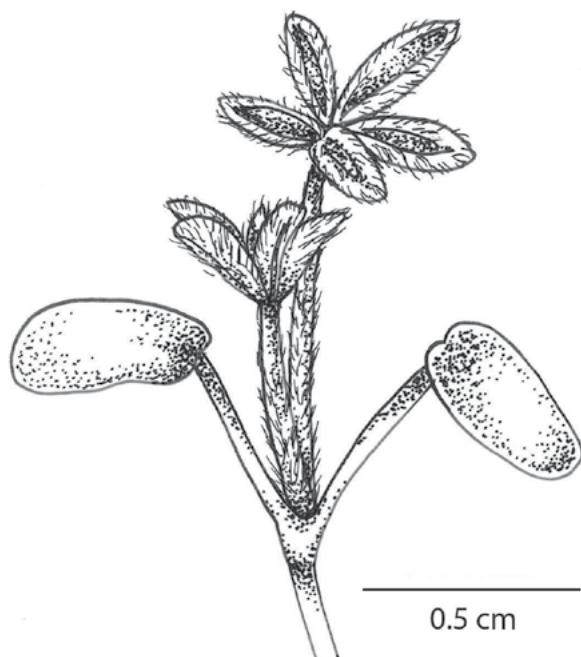
COMMON NAME: Arizona lupine

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Sandy soils along washes, below 900 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV



Fabaceae (legume family)

Prosopis glandulosa

Torr.

COMMON NAME: Honey mesquite

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub/Tree

HABITAT: Common in bottomlands and washes, on heavy soils in uplands and coarse soils of sandy flats. Grows into a tree in bottomlands but remains a shrub in the uplands. Below 1500 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, KS, NM, NV, OK, TX, UT



2 cm



Fabaceae (legume family)

Prosopis pubescens

Benth.

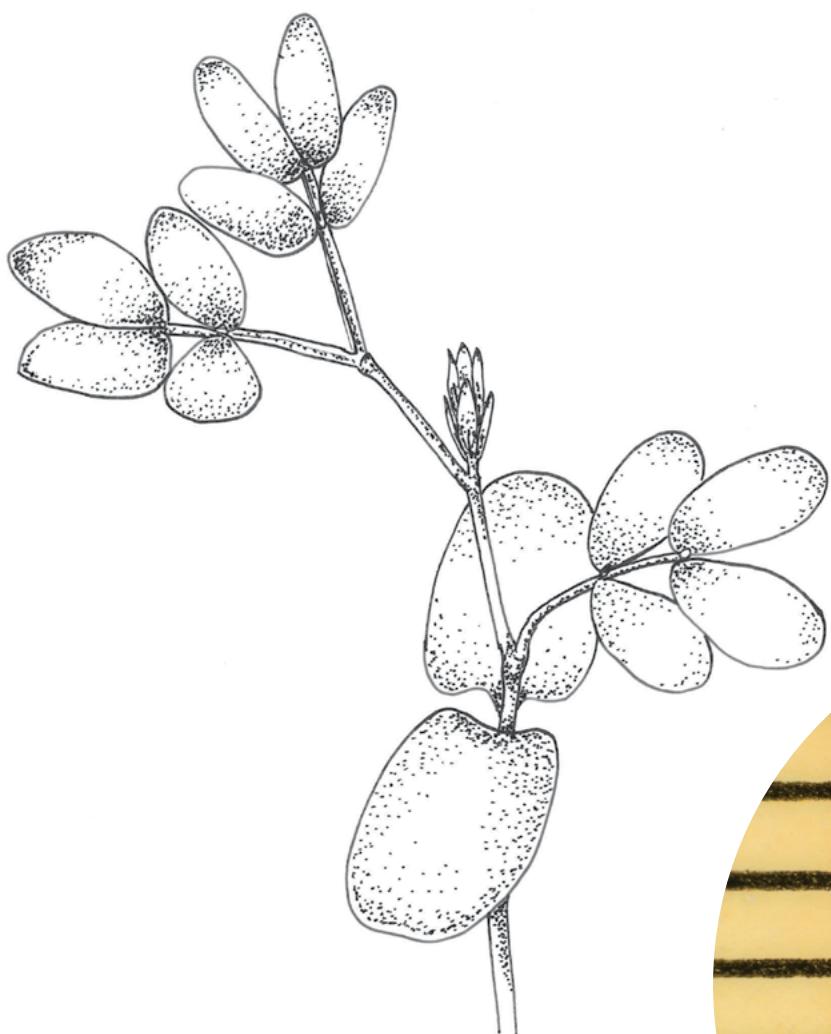
COMMON NAME: Screwbean mesquite

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Washes, alkali springs, and canyons, below 750 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NM, NV, TX, UT



Fabaceae (legume family)

Psorothamnus fremontii

(Torr. ex A. Gray) Barneby

COMMON NAME: Fremont's dalea

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Sandy or rocky soils derived from granite and sandstone of washes, banks, and debris fans, 350–1000 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



0.5 cm



Fabaceae (legume family)

Senna armata

(S. Watson) Irwin & Barneby

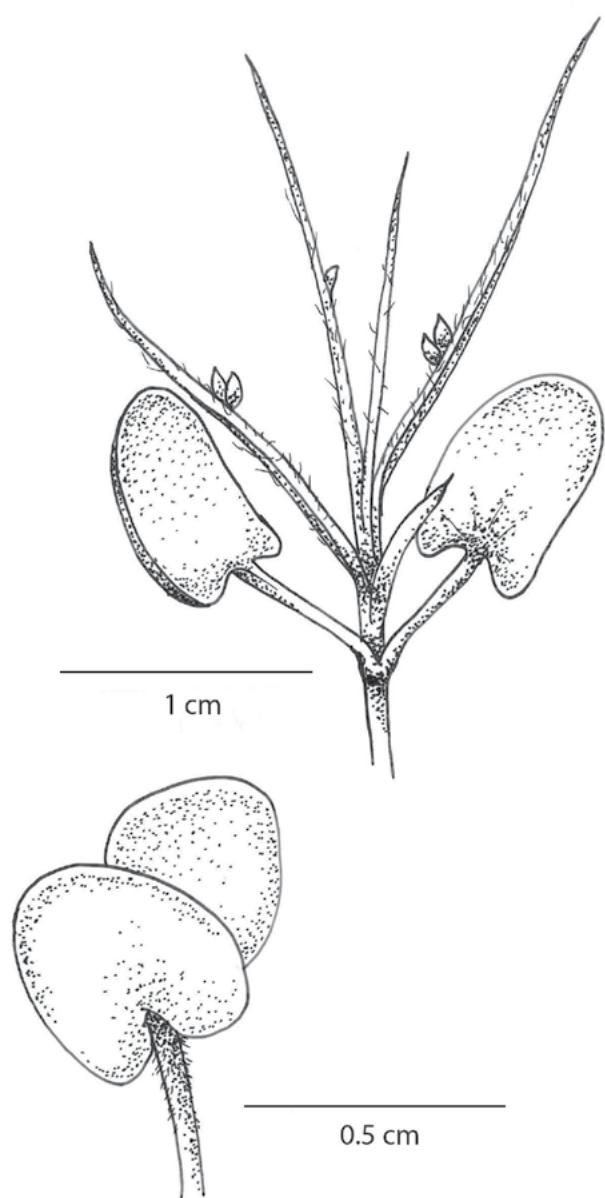
COMMON NAME: Desert senna

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Sandy or gravelly washes, 200–1000 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV



Hydrophyllaceae (waterleaf family)

Phacelia crenulata

Torr. ex S. Watson

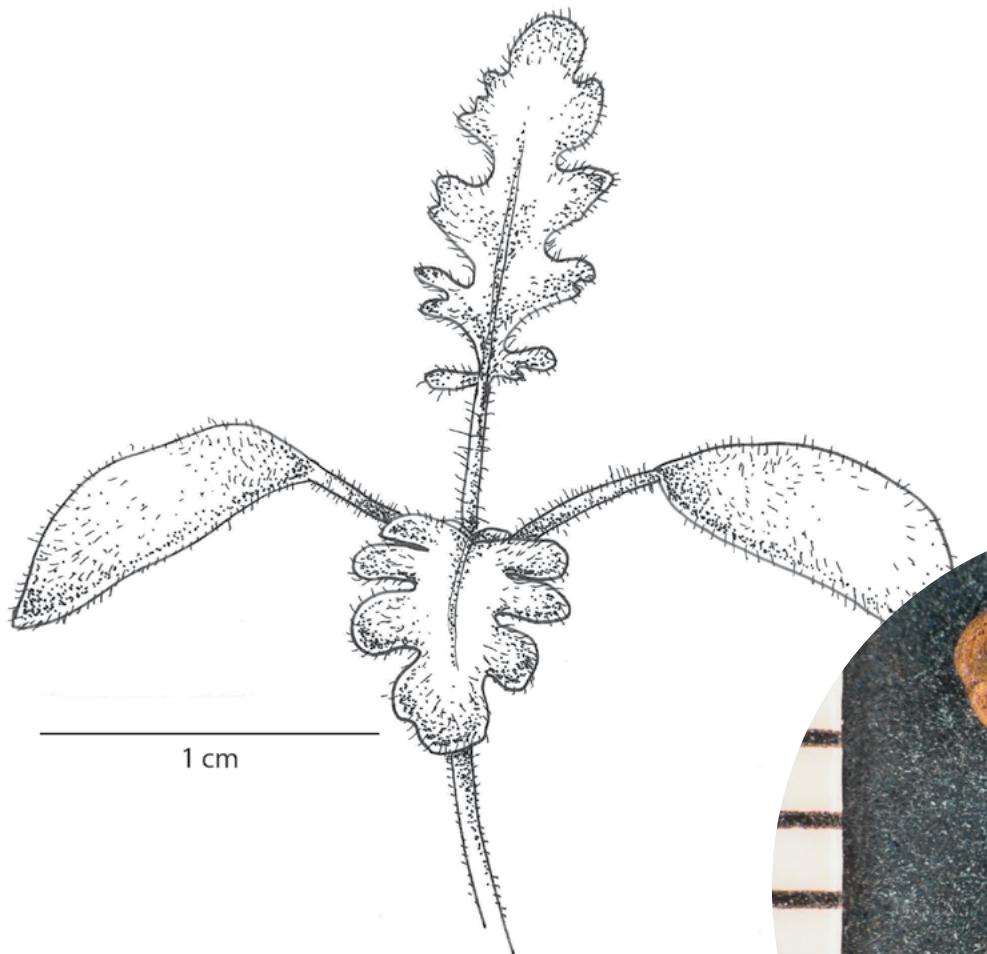
COMMON NAME: Cleftleaf wild heliotrope

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Dry, gravelly hillsides and flats, in sandy and clay soils, 1050–2150 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, NM, NV, TX, UT



Hydrophyllaceae (waterleaf family)

Phacelia distans

Benth.

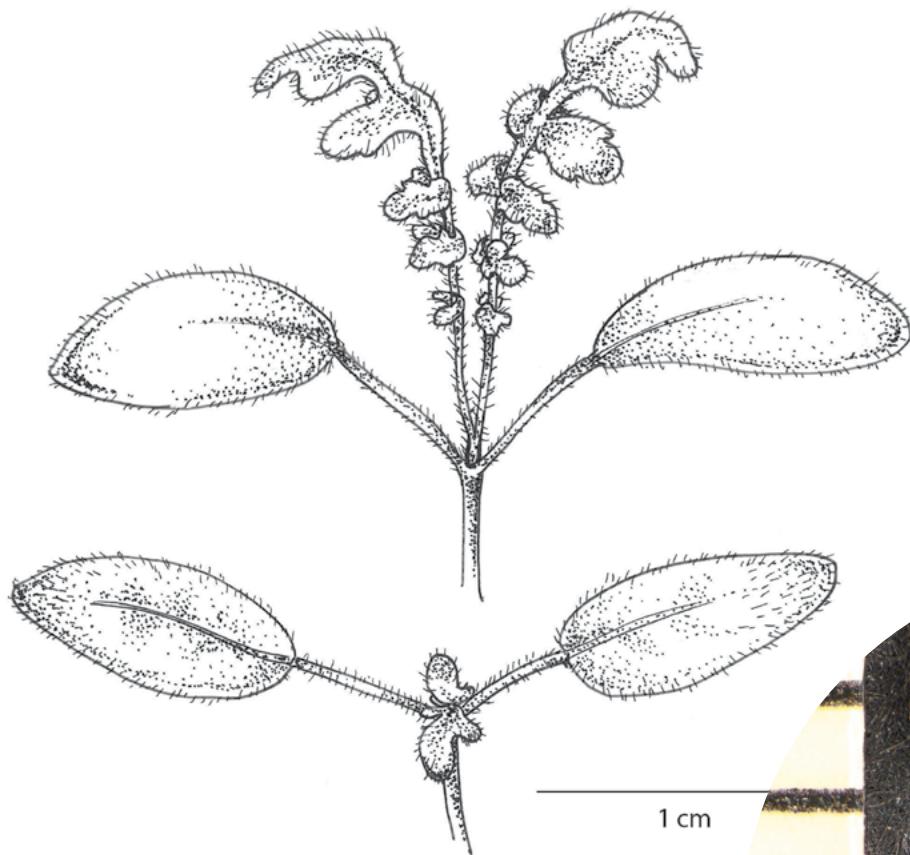
COMMON NAME: Distant phacelia

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Under bushes along washes and along sandy-gravelly washes and bajadas and less often rocky slopes, 300–1200 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV



Hydrophyllaceae (waterleaf family)

Phacelia fremontii

Torr.

COMMON NAME: Fremont's phacelia

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Sandy or gravelly soils along washes and in arid flats, often beneath shrubs, 600–1500 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Krameriaceae (ratany family)

Krameria bicolor

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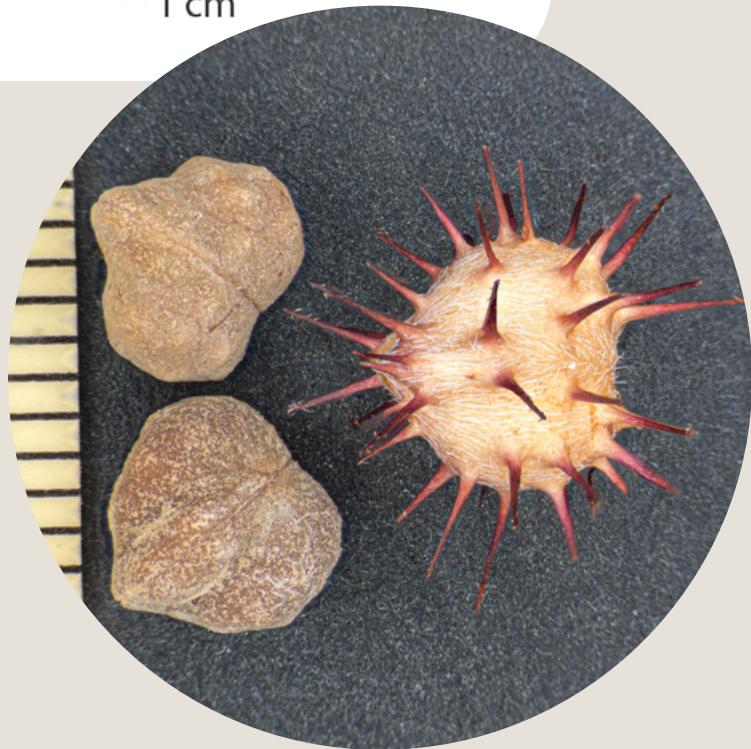
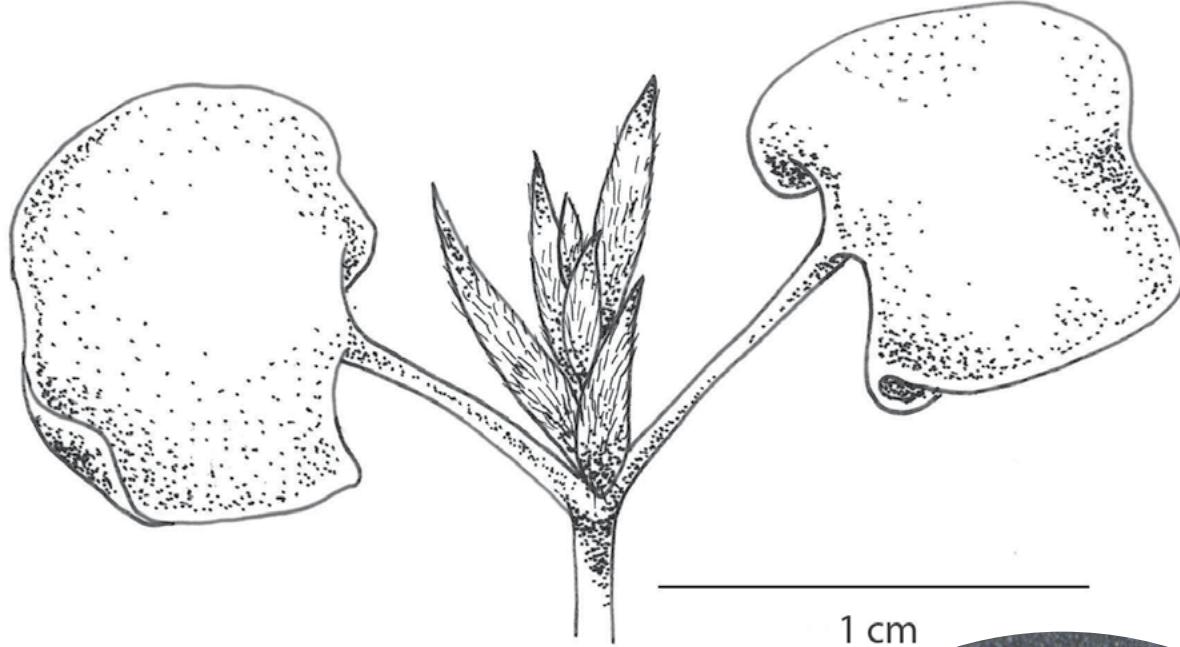
COMMON NAME: White ratany

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Dry slopes along washes and on hillsides, below 1050 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, TX, UT



Krameriaceae (ratany family)

Krameria erecta

Willd. ex J.A. Schult. & J. H. Schult.

COMMON NAME: Littleleaf ratany

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Sandy, gravelly plains adjacent to mountains and rocky hills,

150–1500 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NM, NV, TX, UT



Lamiaceae (mint family)

Salvia columbariae

Benth.

COMMON NAME: Chia

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Sandy, gravelly, or rarely clay soil on slopes, common in sandy washes, below 1050 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NM, NV, UT



Lamiaceae (mint family)

Scutellaria mexicana

(Torr.) A.J. Paton

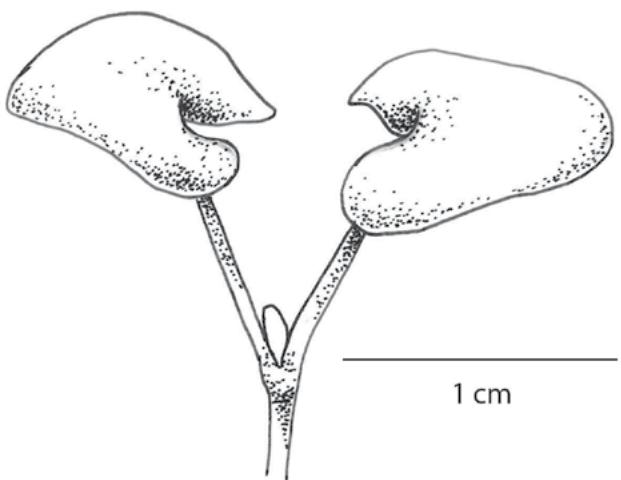
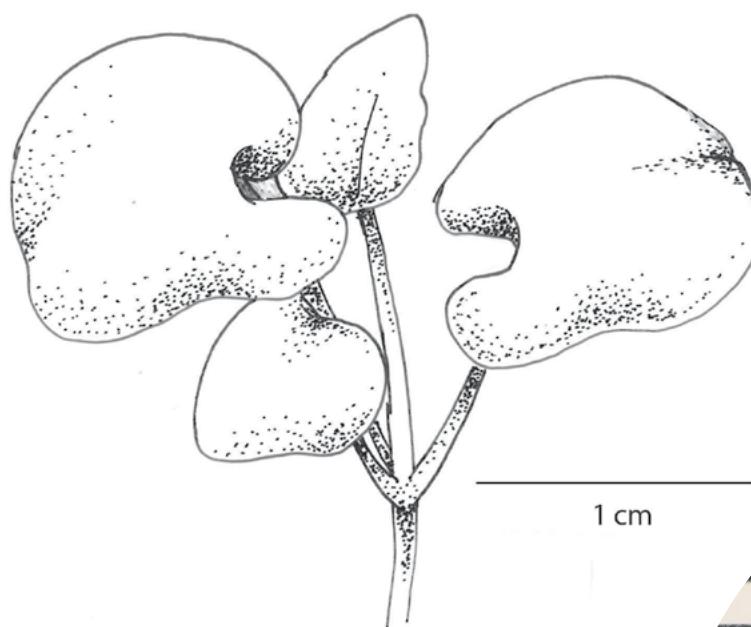
COMMON NAME: Paperbag bush

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Sandy to gravelly slopes, washes, scrub, woodland, below 1800 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NM, NV, TX, UT



Loasaceae (blazingstar family)

Mentzelia albicaulis

(Douglas) Douglas ex Torr. & A. Gray

COMMON NAME: Whitestem blazingstar

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Found in dry places, 300–2300 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NE, NM, NV, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, WY



Malvaceae (mallow family)

Sphaeralcea ambigua

A. Gray

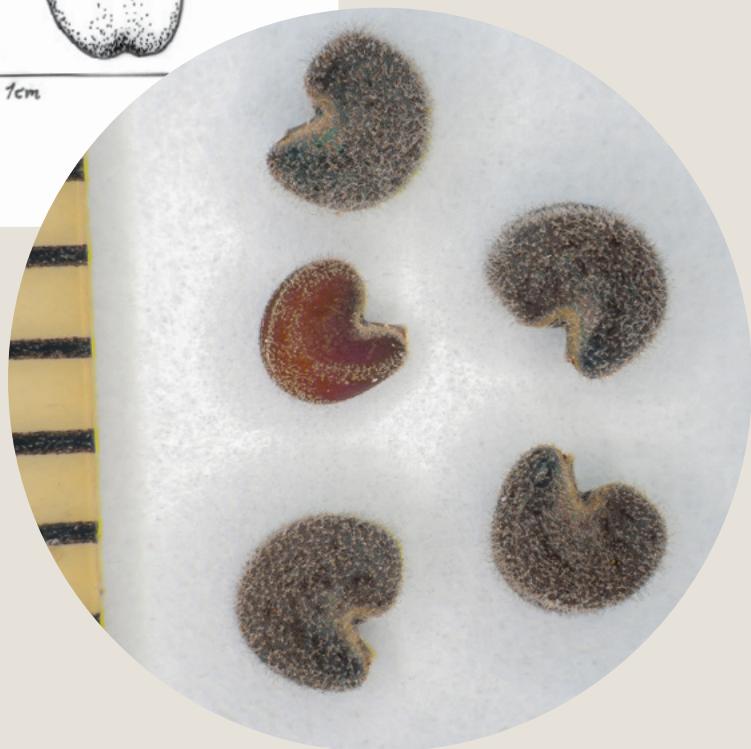
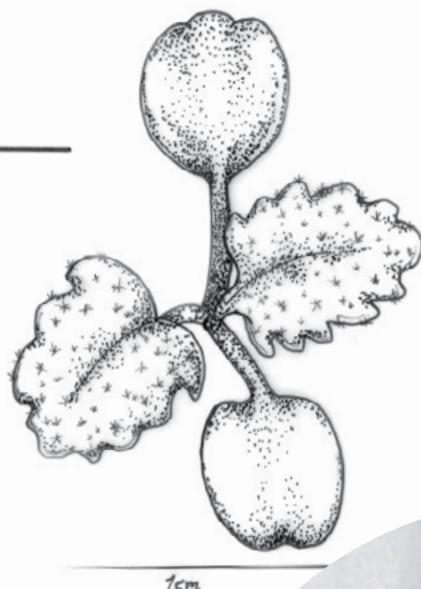
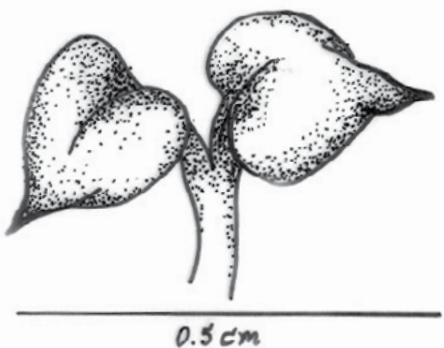
COMMON NAME: Desert globemallow

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Forb

HABITAT: Dry, rocky slopes, and along sandy washes, below 1050 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NM, NV, ID, UT



Malvaceae (mallow family)

Sphaeralcea angustifolia

(Cav.) G. Don

COMMON NAME: Copper globemallow

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Forb

HABITAT: Sandy or loamy soil, sandy plains or waste places, below 900 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, KS, MO, NA, NM, NV, OK, TX, UT



Nyctaginaceae (four o'clock family)

Abronia villosa

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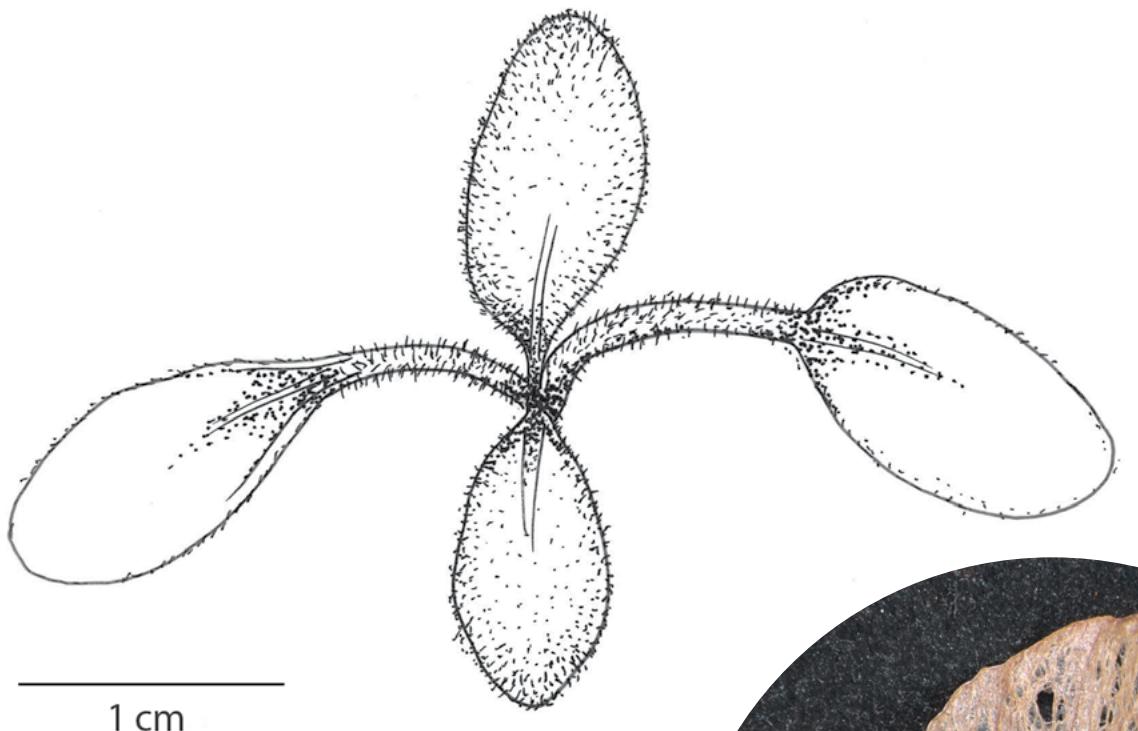
COMMON NAME: Sand verbena

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Forb

HABITAT: Sandy soils, in creosote sage-scrub, and chaparral, 0–2000 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Oleaceae (olive family)

Fraxinus anomala

Torr. ex S. Watson

COMMON NAME: Singleleaf ash

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub/Tree

HABITAT: Canyons and bottomlands in lower elevations, often on dry slopes in higher elevations, ranges, 600–2450 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, NM, NV, UT, WY



Oleaceae (olive family)

Fraxinus velutina

Torr.

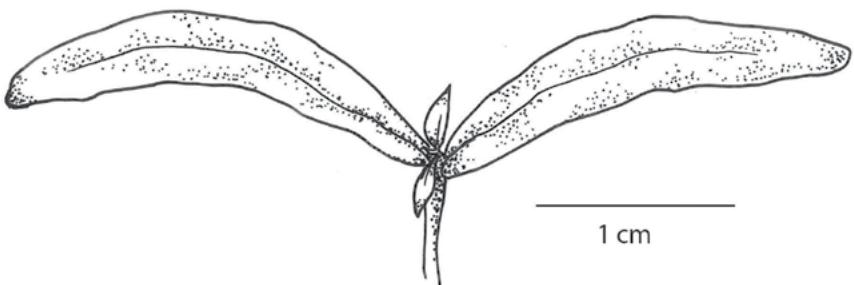
COMMON NAME: Velvet ash

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub/Tree

HABITAT: Moist soils, along streams and riparian areas, 900–2150 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NM, NV, TX, UT



Oleaceae (olive family)

Menodora spinescens

A. Gray

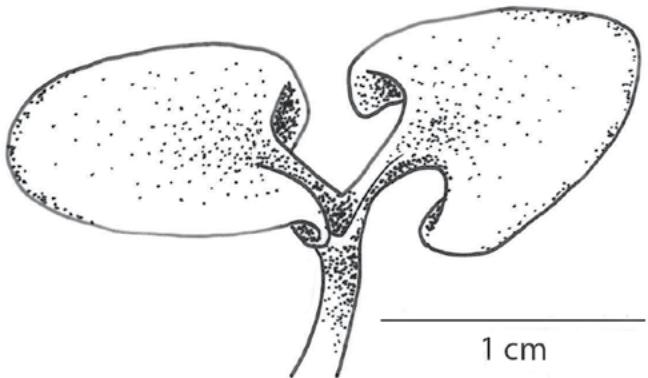
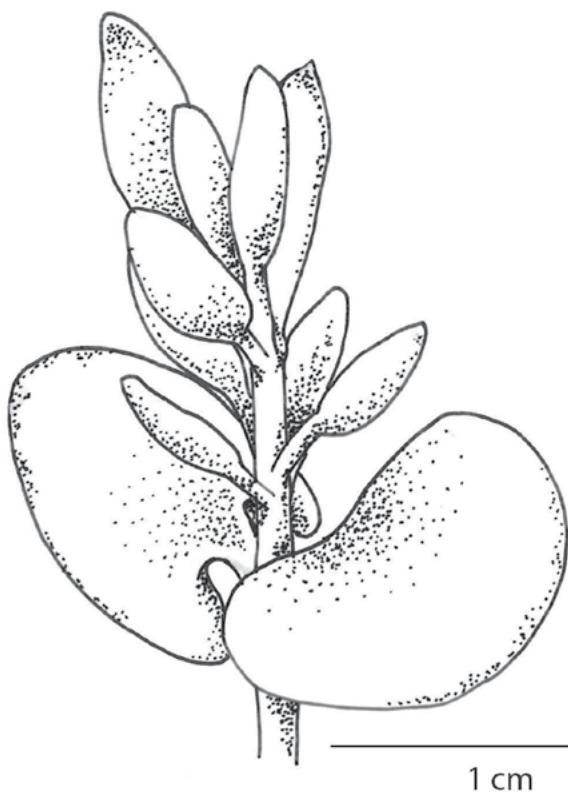
COMMON NAME: Spiny menodora

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Dry canyons and gulches, mostly pinyon juniper woodland,
900–3,300 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Onagraceae (evening primrose family)

Chylismia brevipes

(A. Gray) Small

COMMON NAME: Yellow cups

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Dry washes and desert plains, below 1350 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Onagraceae (evening primrose family)

Chylismia claviformis ssp. *claviformis*

(Torr. & Frém.) A. Heller

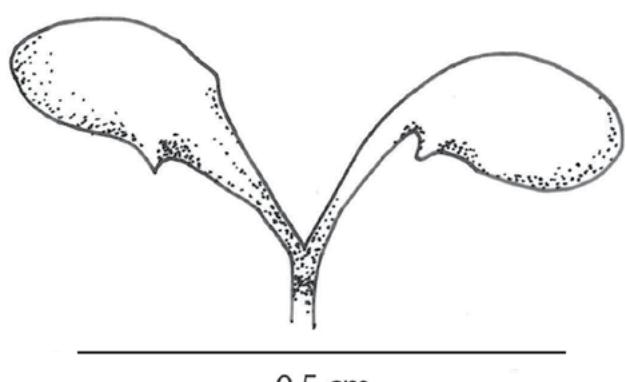
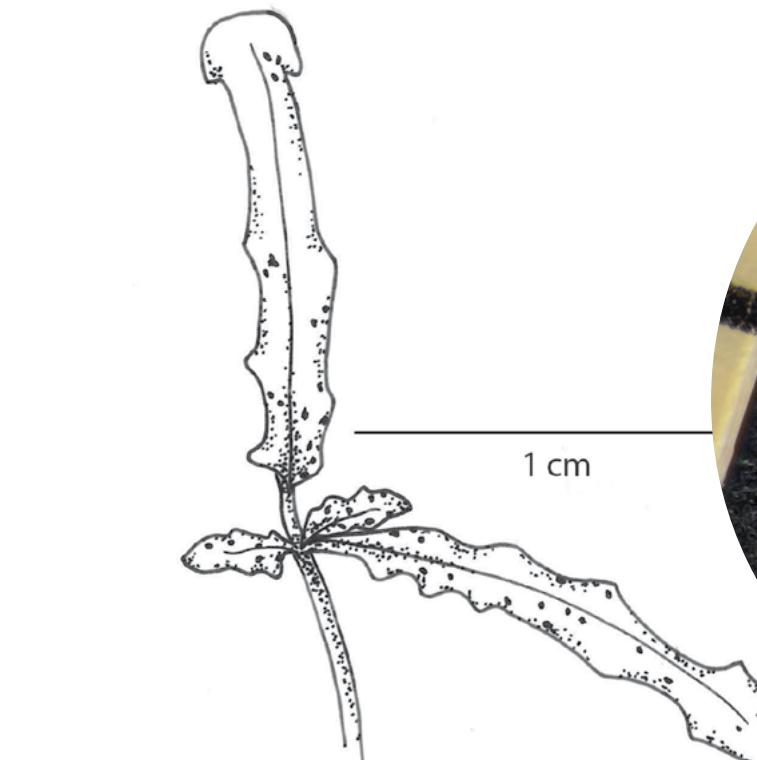
COMMON NAME: Browneyes

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Sandy plains and washes, creosote bush and Joshua tree woodland, below 1200 m

DISTRIBUTION: CA, UT



Onagraceae (evening primrose family)

Eremothera refracta

(S. Watson) W.L. Wagner & Hoch

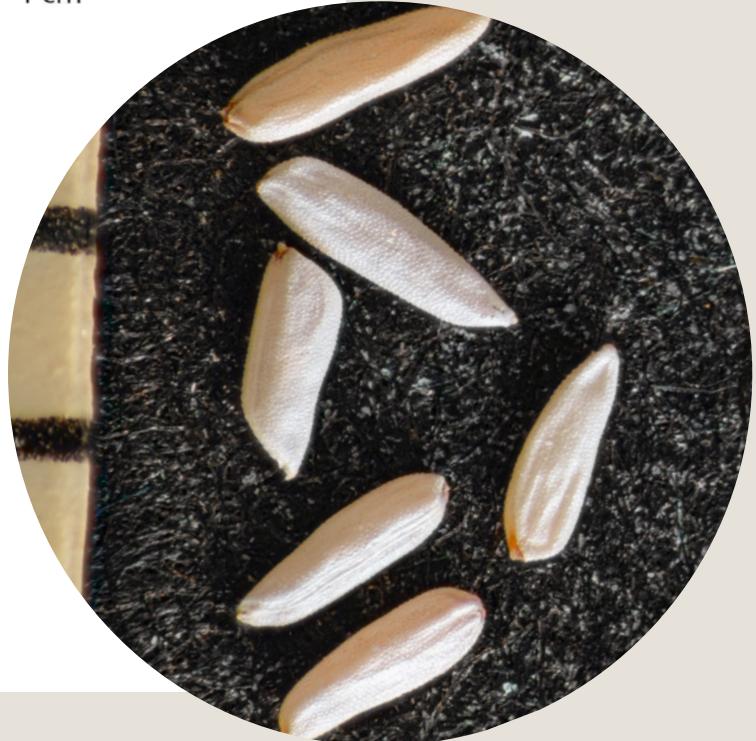
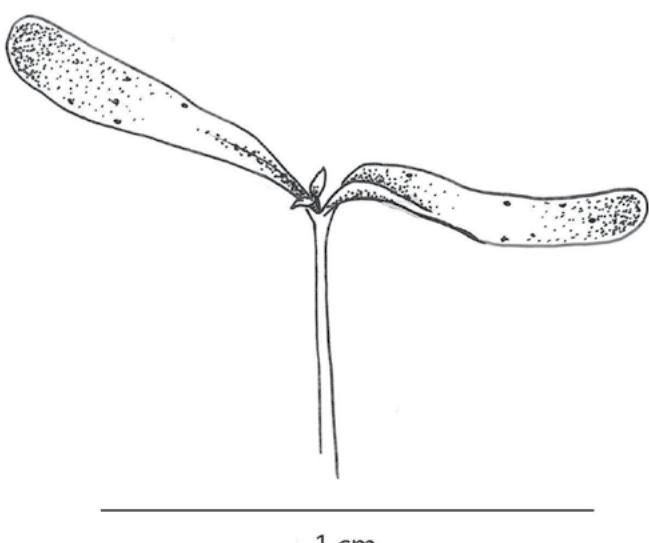
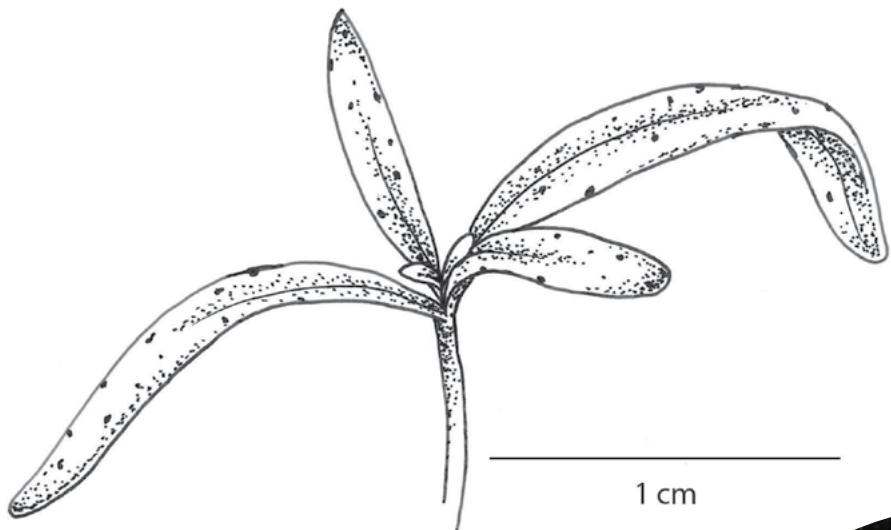
COMMON NAME: Narrowleaf suncup

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Sandy slopes, flats, desert scrub, -30 to 1300 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NM, NV, UT



Onagraceae (evening primrose family)

Oenothera deltoides

Torr. & Frém.

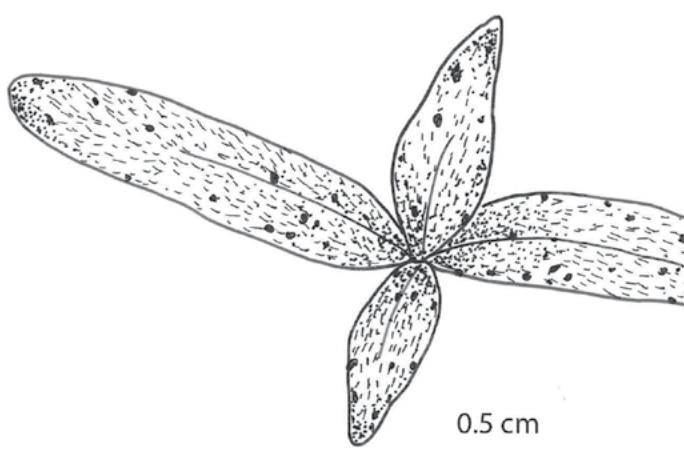
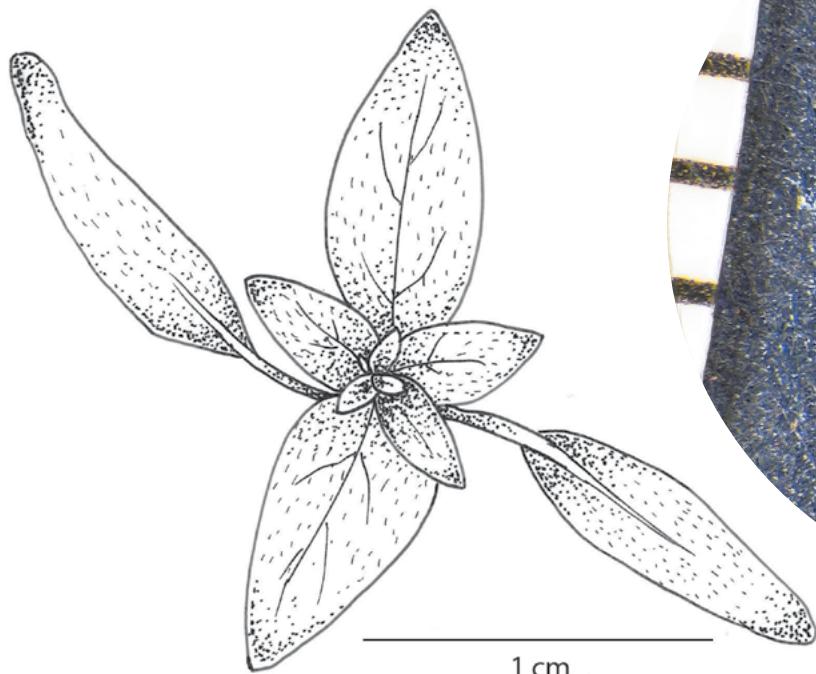
COMMON NAME: Birdcage evening primrose

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Forb

HABITAT: Dry, well-drained sandy areas on flats and into the lower mountains in Creosote-Bursage Flats, and Mojave Desert Scrub, 300–1250 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, OR, UT



Plantaginaceae (plantain family)

Penstemon palmeri

A. Gray

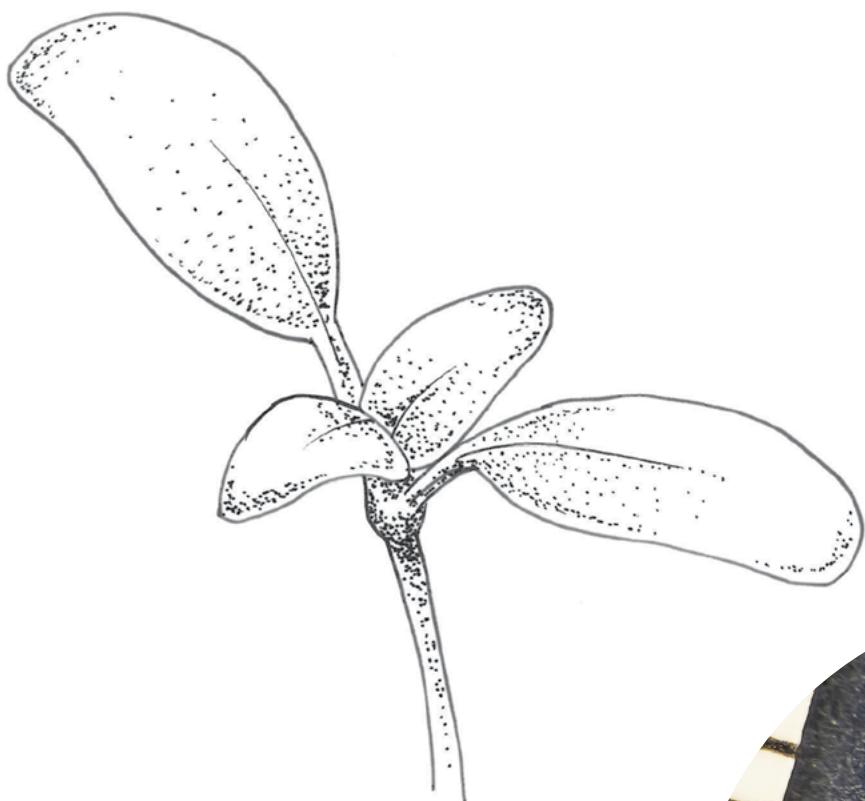
COMMON NAME: Palmer's penstemon

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Forb

HABITAT: Roadsides, washes, canyons, pinyon-juniper woodlands, ponderosa pine forests, 300–2100 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, ID, NM, NV, UT, WA, WY



Plantaginaceae (plantain family)

Plantago ovata

Forssk.

COMMON NAME: Desert Indianwheat

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Wide ranging habitats in desert, ubiquitous, 50–2000 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, TX, UT



Poaceae (grass family)

Achnatherum hymenoides

(Roem. & Schult.) Barkworth

COMMON NAME: Indian ricegrass

GROUP: Monocot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Graminoid

HABITAT: Dry, well drained soils, 1050–2000 m

DISTRIBUTION: Western United States



Poaceae (grass family)

Achnatherum speciosum

(Trin. & Rupr.) Barkworth

COMMON NAME: Desert needlegrass

GROUP: Monocot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Graminoid

HABITAT: Rocky or sandy soils, slopes and flats, 600–1850 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, NV, OR, UT



Poaceae (grass family)

Bouteloua aristidoides

(Kunth) Griseb.

COMMON NAME: Needle grama

GROUP: Monocot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Graminoid

HABITAT: Dry mesas, washes, and disturbed areas, below 1850 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, MD, NM, NV, TX, UT



Poaceae (grass family)

Bouteloua barbata

(Kunth) Griseb.

COMMON NAME: Sixweeks grama

GROUP: Monocot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Graminoid

HABITAT: Open, rocky or sandy slopes and washes, often weedy on disturbed soils, below 1850 m

DISTRIBUTION: Southwestern United States



Poaceae (grass family)

Dasyochloa pulchella

(Kunth) Willd. ex Rydb.

COMMON NAME: Fluffgrass

GROUP: Monocot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Graminoid

HABITAT: Dry, rocky slopes and flats, below 1850 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, MD, NM, NV, TX, UT



Poaceae (grass family)

Festuca octoflora

Walter

COMMON NAME: Sixweeks fescue

GROUP: Monocot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Graminoid

HABITAT: Bare, sometimes sandy and very sandy soil, below 2000 m

DISTRIBUTION: Widely distributed in the United States



Poaceae (grass family)

Hilaria jamesii

(Torr.) Benth.

COMMON NAME: James' galleta

GROUP: Monocot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Graminoid

HABITAT: Canyons, deserts, dry plains, sandy plateaus, pinyon-juniper woodlands, sometimes in Ponderosa pine forests, 1100–2100 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, KS, NM, NV, OK, TX, UT, WY



Poaceae (grass family)

Hilaria rigida

(Thurb.) Scribn.

COMMON NAME: Big galleta

GROUP: Monocot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Graminoid

HABITAT: Deserts, plains, and rocky hills, below 1200 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NM, NV, UT



Poaceae (grass family)

Muhlenbergia porteri

Scribn. ex Beal

COMMON NAME: Bush muhly

GROUP: Monocot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Graminoid

HABITAT: Found among boulders on rocky slopes and on cliffs, in dry arroyos, desert flats, and grasslands, frequently in the protection of shrubs, 600–1850 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, NM, NV, OK, TX, UT



Polygonaceae (buckwheat family)

Eriogonum fasciculatum

Benth.

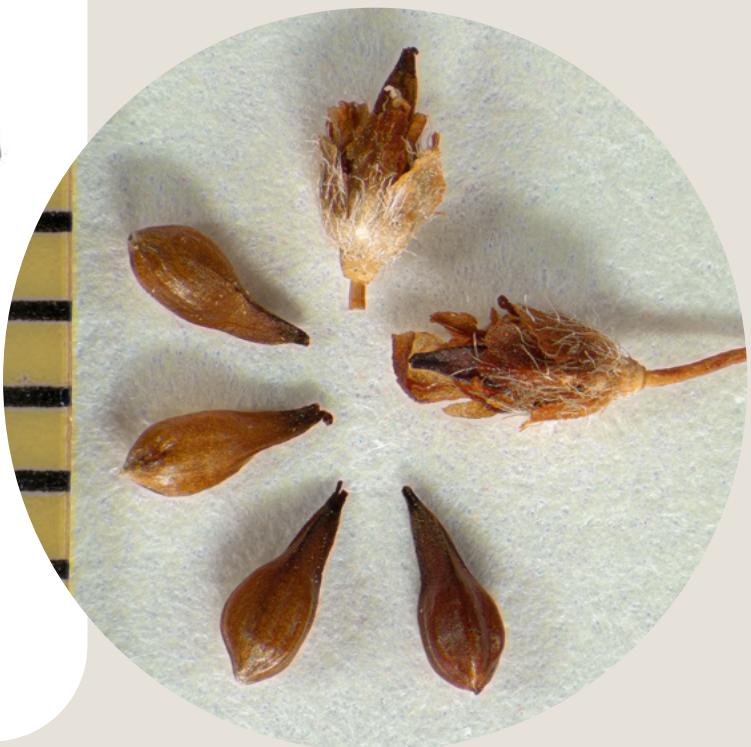
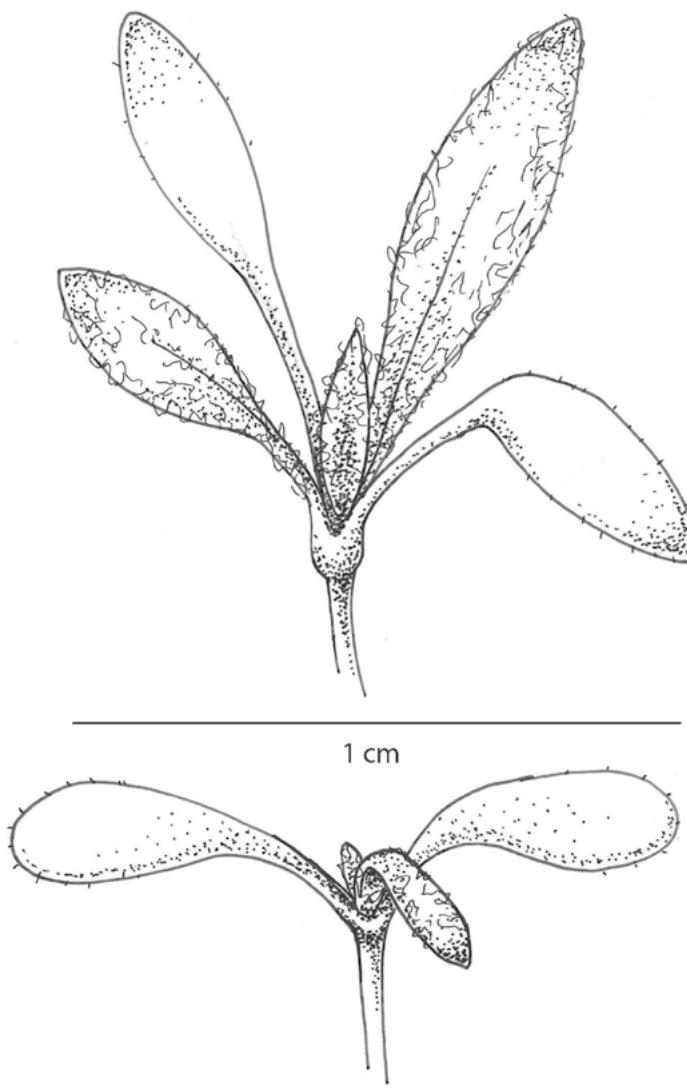
COMMON NAME: California buckwheat

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub/Subshrub

HABITAT: Dry rocky slopes, 300–1350 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Polygonaceae (buckwheat family)

Eriogonum inflatum

Torr. & Frém.

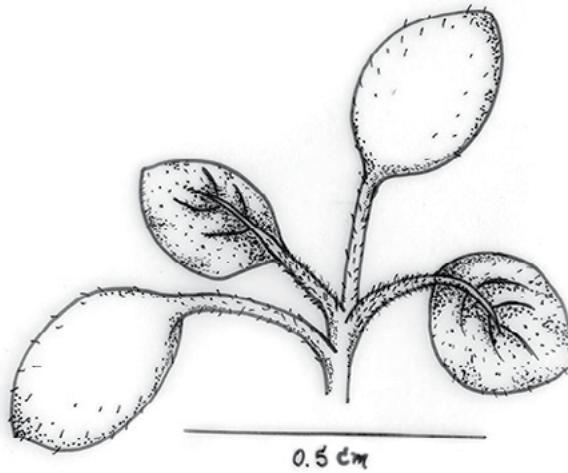
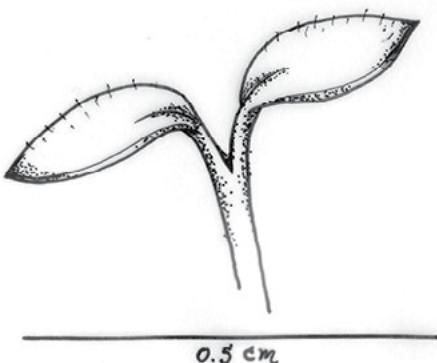
COMMON NAME: Trumpet flower

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Forb

HABITAT: Sandy and gravelly soils from flats to slopes, below 1500 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, NM, NV, UT



Rosaceae (rose family)

Coleogyne ramosissima

Torr.

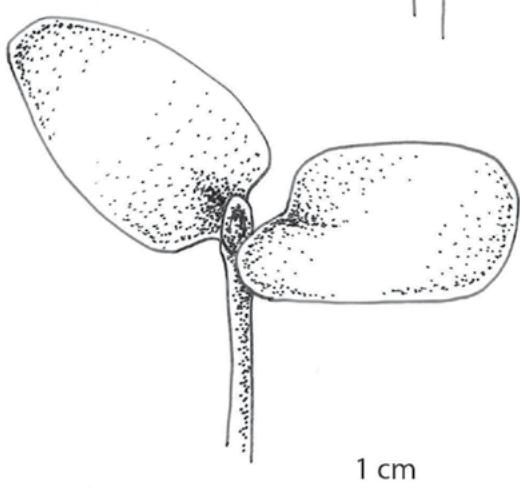
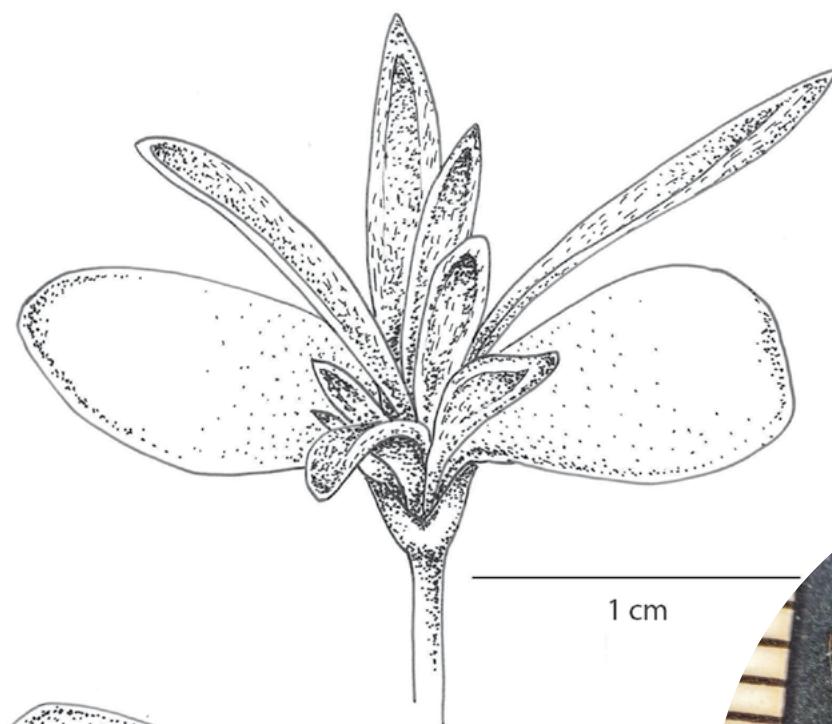
COMMON NAME: Blackbrush

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Dry, open slopes, creosote-bush scrub, pinyon/juniper woodland, 600–2000 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, NV, UT



Solanaceae (nightshade family)

Lycium andersonii

A. Gray

COMMON NAME: Water jacket

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Arid washes and arroyos, bajadas, rocky slopes, mesas and foothills, below 1700 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NM, NV, UT



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Solanaceae (nightshade family)

Lycium pallidum

Miers

var. oligospermum

C.L. Hitchc.

COMMON NAME: Pale desert-thorn

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Dry rocky hills and mesas, below 750 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NV, UT



Solanaceae (nightshade family)

Nicotiana attenuata

Torr. ex S. Watson

COMMON NAME: Coyote tobacco

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Annual Forb

HABITAT: Washes, in sandy slopes, roadsides, and along fields,

300–2150 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, TX, UT, WA, WY



Solanaceae (nightshade family)

Nicotiana obtusifolia

Martens & Galeotti

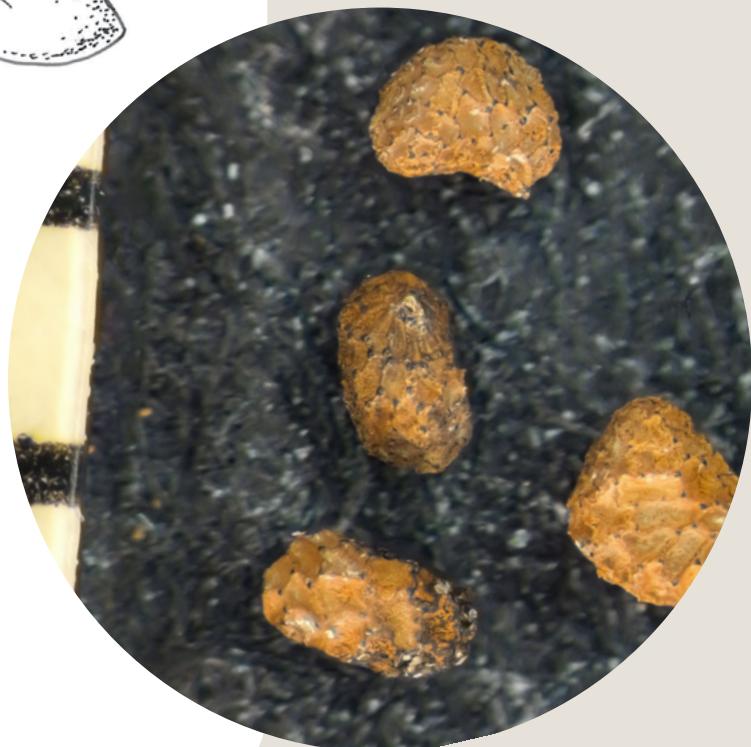
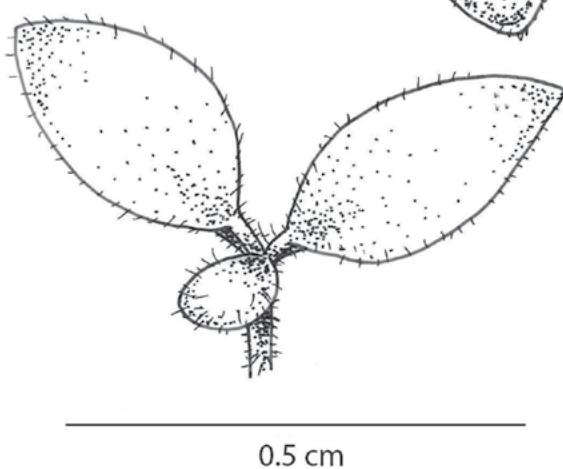
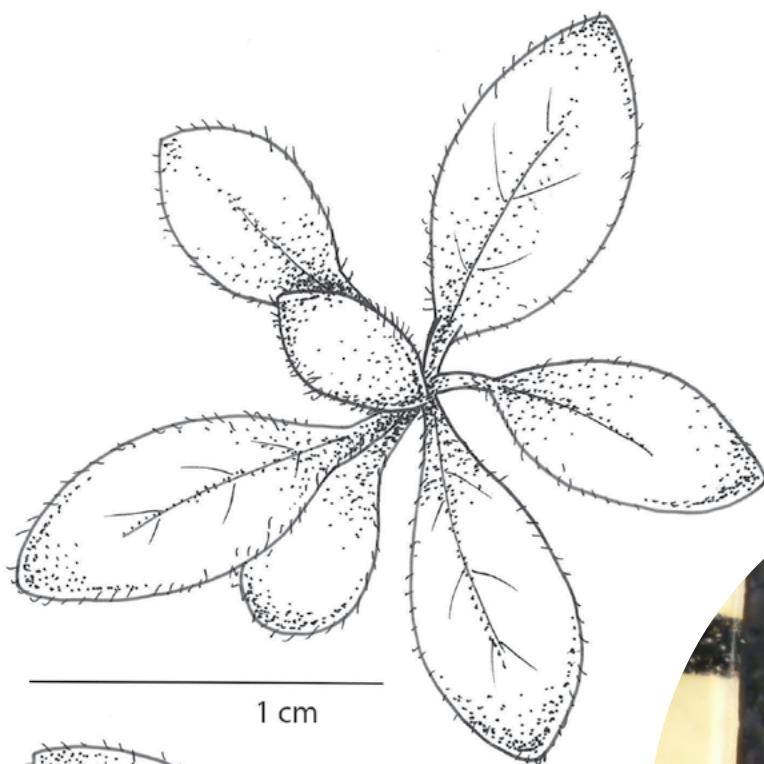
COMMON NAME: Desert tobacco

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Forb

HABITAT: Canyons, at the base of rocky slopes, and along washes, below 1850 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NM, NV, OK, TX, UT



Zygophyllaceae (caltrop family)

Larrea tridentata

(DC.) Coville

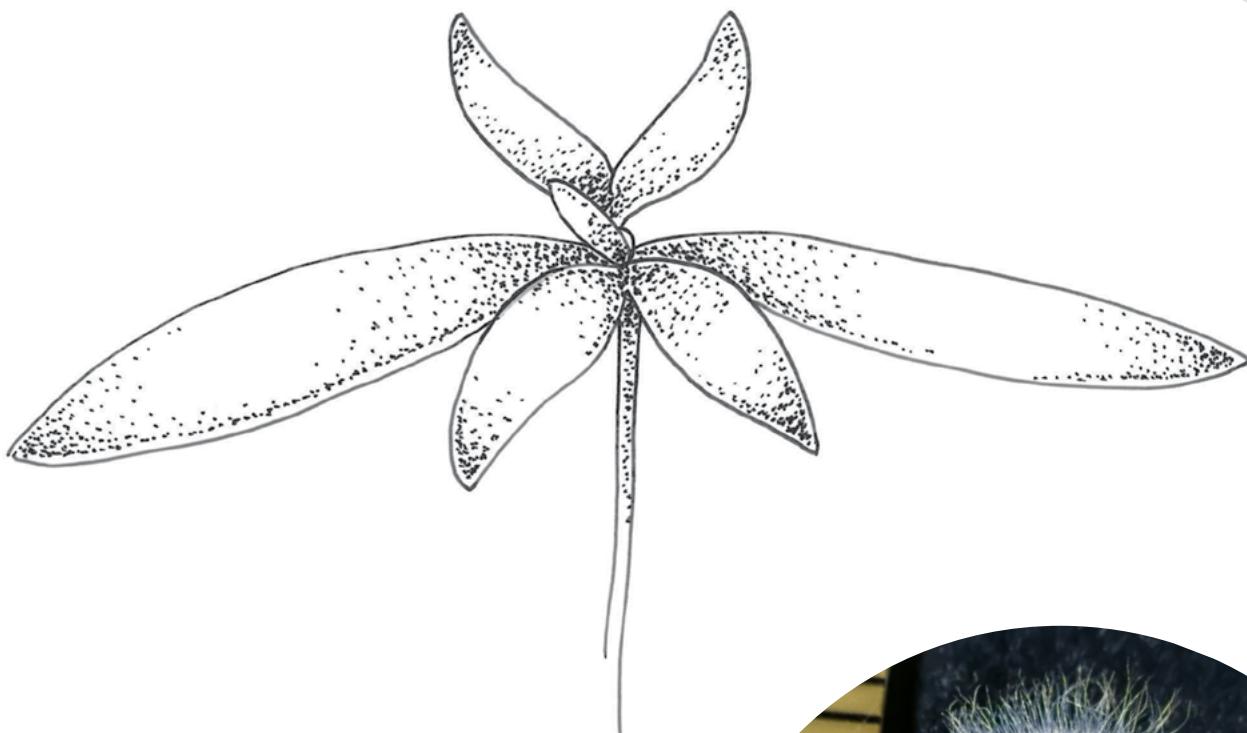
COMMON NAME: Creosote

GROUP: Dicot

DURATION/GROWTH HABIT: Perennial Shrub

HABITAT: Widespread and common on dry plains and mesas, below 1700 m

DISTRIBUTION: AZ, CA, NM, NV, TX, UT



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