

Astragalus deterior

CLIFF-PALACE MILKVETCH



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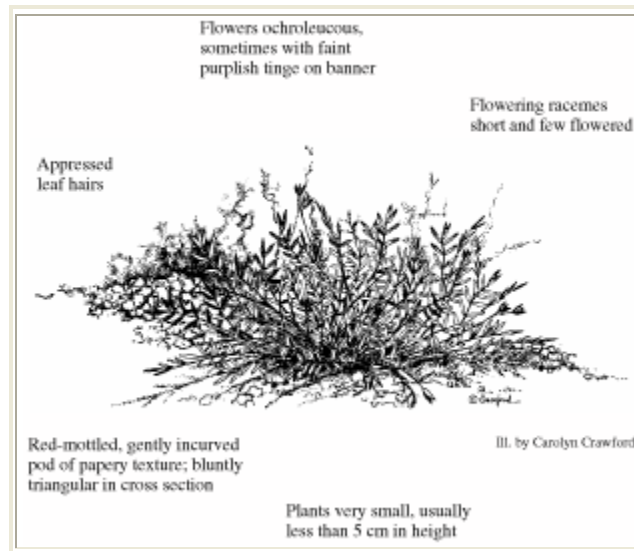


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Fabaceae (Pea Family)

Synonym: *Astragalus naturitensis* var. *deterior*

Look Alikes: *A. monumentalis* var. *cottamii* has narrower pod septa

and pink-purple flowers. *A. humillimus* has a distinctive spine-tipped rachis which remains part of the plant after the leaves are shed.

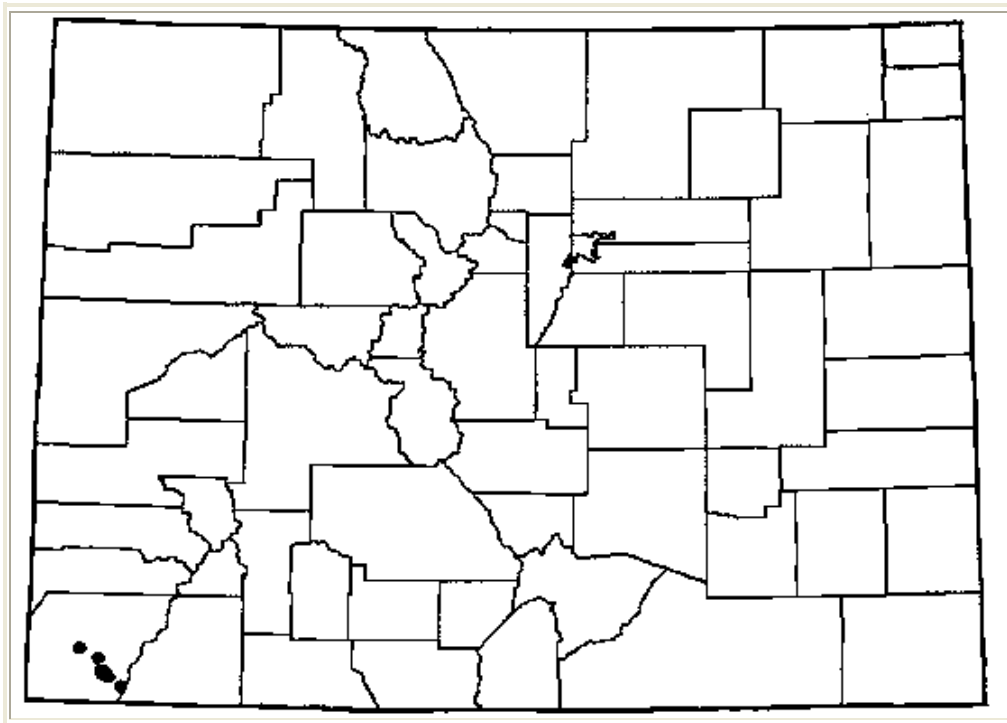
Flowering/Fruiting Period: May/late May-June.

Habitat: Sandstone rimrock edges of mesas. Found in cracks and depressions in shallow soil. Elev. 6400-7000 ft.



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Distribution: Colorado endemic (Mesa Verde National Park, Montezuma Co.).



References: O’Kane 1988; Peterson 1981a.