

*Astragalus tortipes*

**SLEEPING UTE MILKVETCH**

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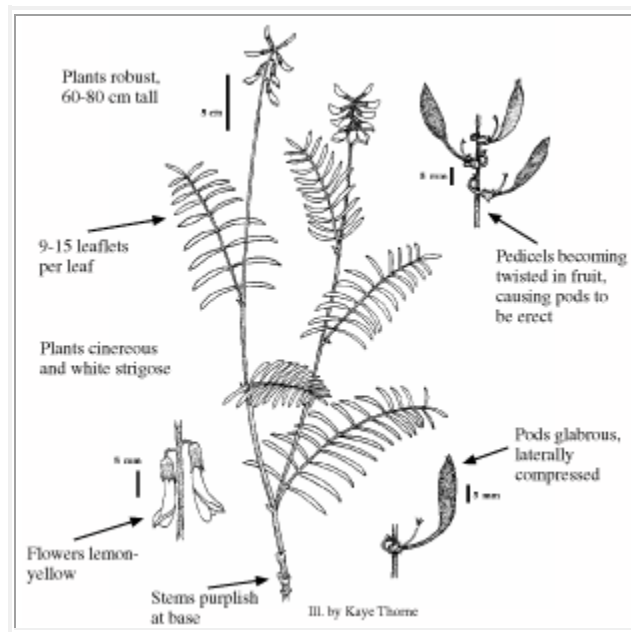


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**Fabaceae (Pea Family)**

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**Look Alikes:** *A. tortipes* is distinguished from other *Astragalus* species by the hyper-twisting of pedicels, which causes the pods to be erect.

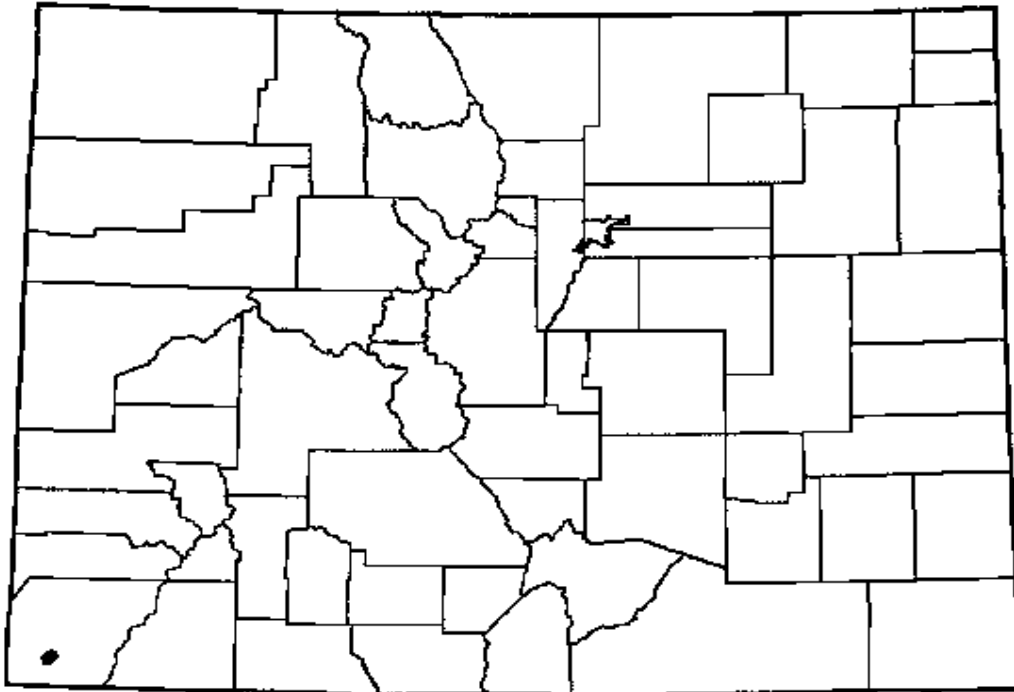
**Flowering/Fruiting Period:** April-early May/May.

**Habitat:** Mixed desert scrub community, on lower slopes of ridges and knolls, in gravels derived from a volcanic intrusion into Mancos Shale. Elev. 5400-5700 ft.



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**Distribution:** Endemic to Colorado (Ute Mountain Ute Reservation, Montezuma Co.).



**References:** Anderson and Porter 1994.

