Hackelia gracilenta

MESA VERDE STICKSEED

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Boraginaceae (Borage Family)

Look Alikes: *H. floribunda* has stems that are leafy throughout,
hirsute, pilose or otherwise pubescent; but hairs are not pustulose.

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

**Habitat:** Shady canyons and mesa tops; in deep loam or sandy-loam soil; associated with pinyon-juniper and scrub oak communities. Elev. 7000- 8000 ft.

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

**References:** Colorado Native Plant Society 1989; Hessl and Spackman 1995