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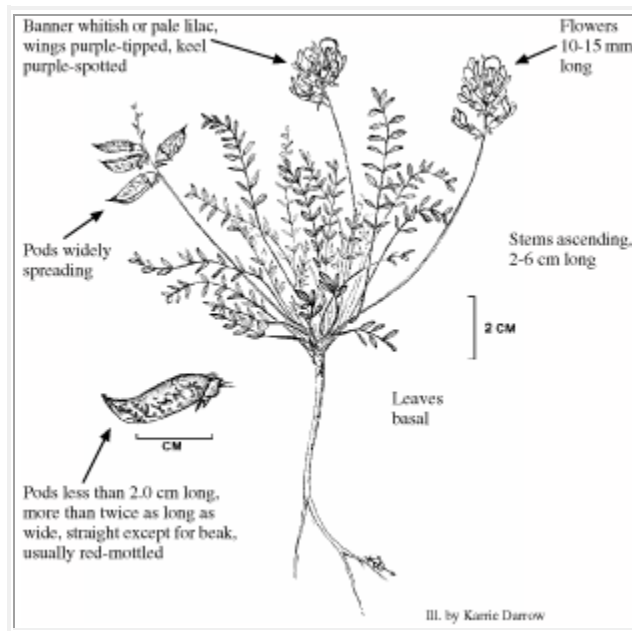


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Fabaceae (Pea Family)

Synonym: *Astragalus arietinus* var. *stipularis* **Look Alikes:** *A. deterior* has yellowish-white flowers. *A. desperatus* has smaller flowers and loosely hirsute pods of broader and shorter outline. *A. monumentalis* var. *cottamii* has firm-walled, dorsiventrally compressed, unilocular pods. *A. humillimus* has persistent, spiny rachises.

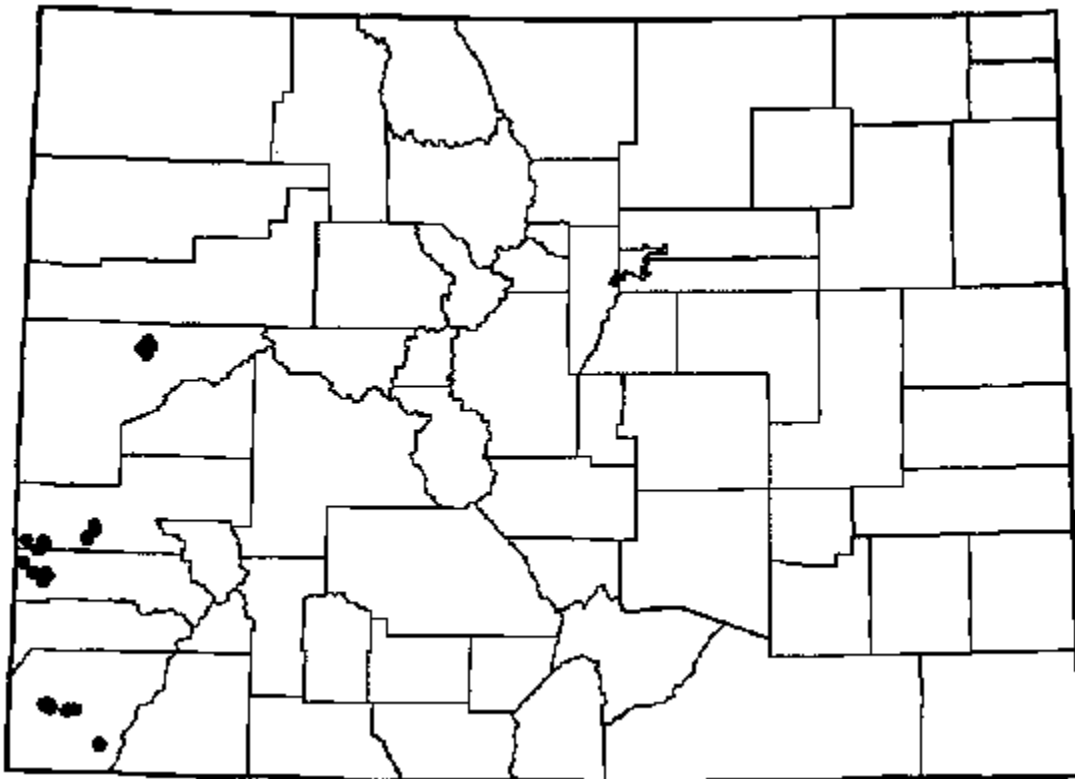
Flowering/Fruiting Period: April-early June/late May-early June.

Habitat: Sandstone mesas, ledges, crevices and slopes in pinyon-juniper woodlands.
Elev. 5000-7000 ft.



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Distribution: New Mexico, Utah and Colorado (Mesa, Montezuma, Montrose and San Miguel Cos.).



References: Barneby 1964 and 1989; Peterson and Harmon 1981a.