

*Sclerocactus mesae-verdae*

**MESA VERDE CACTUS**

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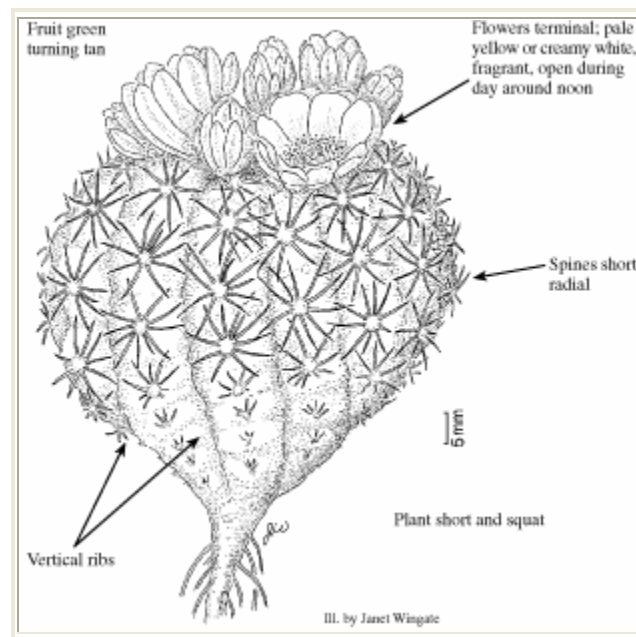


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**Cactaceae (Cactus Family)**

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**Look Alikes:** This species is not likely to be confused with other taxa in the area.

**Flowering/Fruiting Period:** Mid April-mid May/May-June.

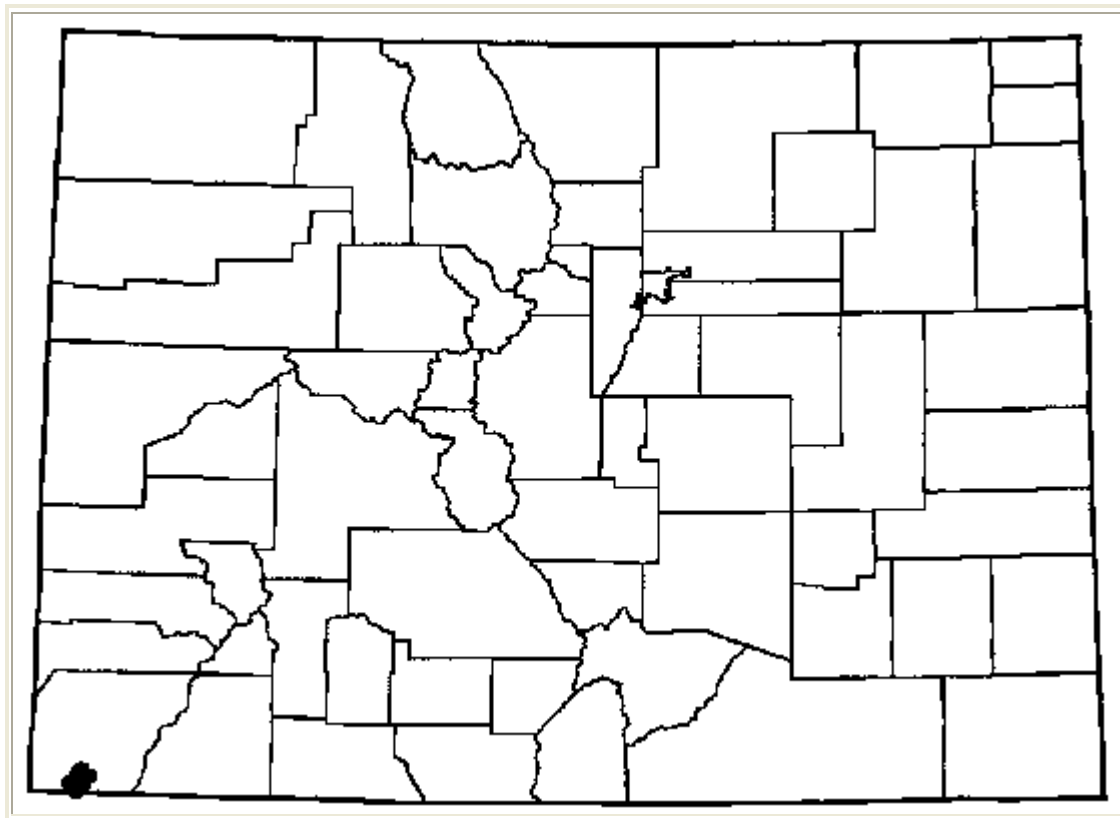
**Habitat:** Sparsely vegetated shale or adobe clay badlands. Mancos and Fruitland

Formations. Elev. 4000-5000 ft.



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**Distribution:** New Mexico and Colorado (Montezuma Co.).



**References:** Benson 1966; Boissevain and Davidson 1940; Heil 1984; Knight 1981c.