Look Alikes: *P. simpsonii* is over 5 cm in diameter and has a dark reddish-
brown central spine.

**Flowering/Fruiting Period:** April-early May/late May-early June. Plant is extremely inconspicuous except when in flower.

**Habitat:** Alluvial deposits that form rolling gravelly hills covered with pinyon-juniper and sagebrush. Elev. 6400 ft.

**Distribution:** New Mexico and Colorado (La Plata Co.).