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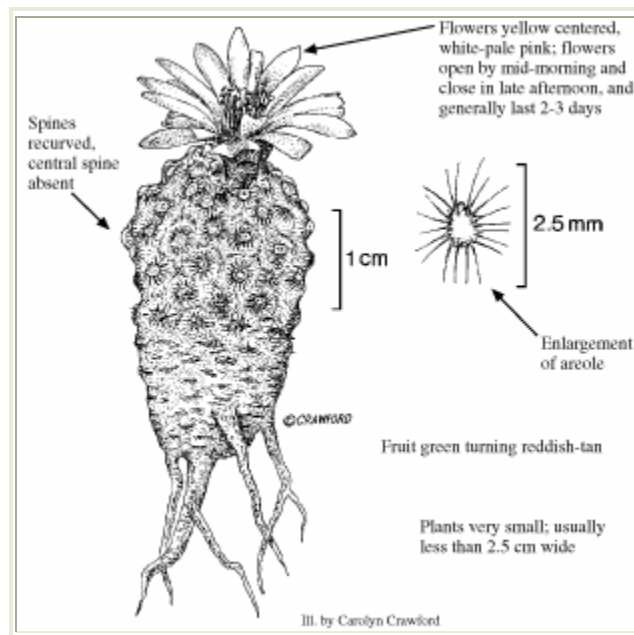


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**Cactaceae (Cactus Family)**

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

brown central spine.

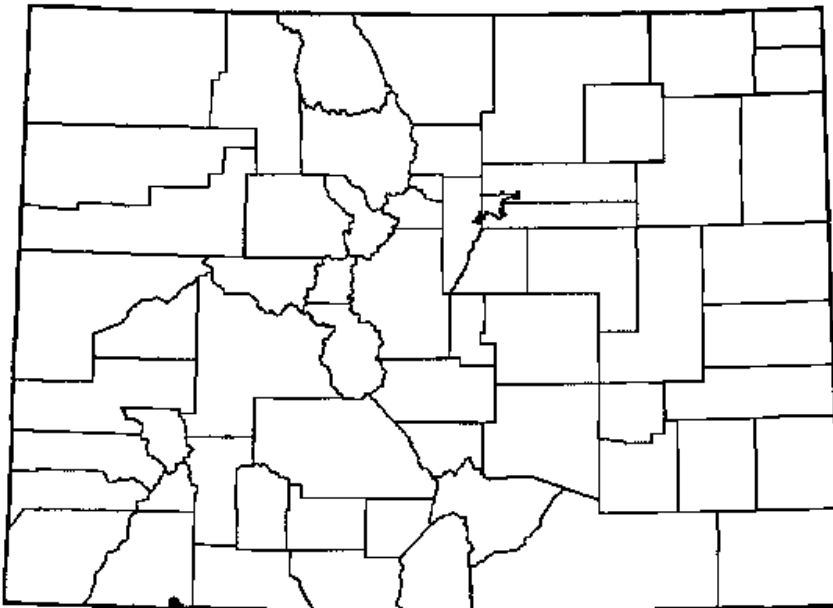
**Flowering/Fruiting Period:** April-early May/late May-early June. Plant is extremely inconspicuous except when in flower.

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



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





**References:** Heil 1985; Olwell 1986; Bureau of Land Management 1995.