**Proatriplex pleiantha**  
**Mancos Saltbush**

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**Chenopodiaceae (Goosefoot Family)**

**Synonym:** *Atriplex pleiantha*
**Look Alikes:** Distinguished by its low, annual habit, fleshy leaves, and in having male and female flowers on the same plant.

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

**Habitat:** Barren, saltbrush badlands; on highly dissected and eroded gray shale and clay of the Mancos Formation. Elev. 4800-5000 ft.

**Distribution:** NW New Mexico, SE Utah and SW Colorado (Montezuma Co.).