

Machaeranthera coloradoensis

COLORADO TANSY-ASTER



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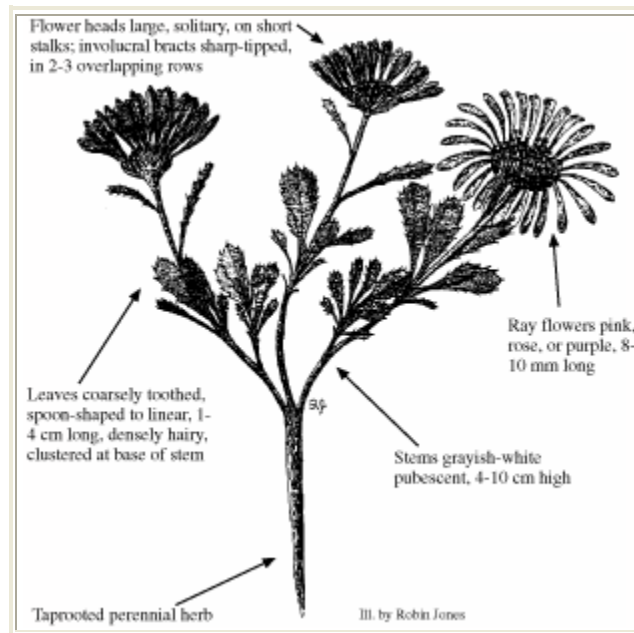


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Asteraceae (Sunflower Family)

Synonym: Two varieties are recognized in Colorado: var. *coloradoensis* and var. *brandegei*, though the distinguishing characteristics for each variety are not yet clear.

Look Alikes: *M. tanacetifolia* has once or twice pinnately lobed leaves and taller, leafier stems. *M. coloradoensis* is distinguished from other species by its deep purple flowers, short stems, and toothed leaves.

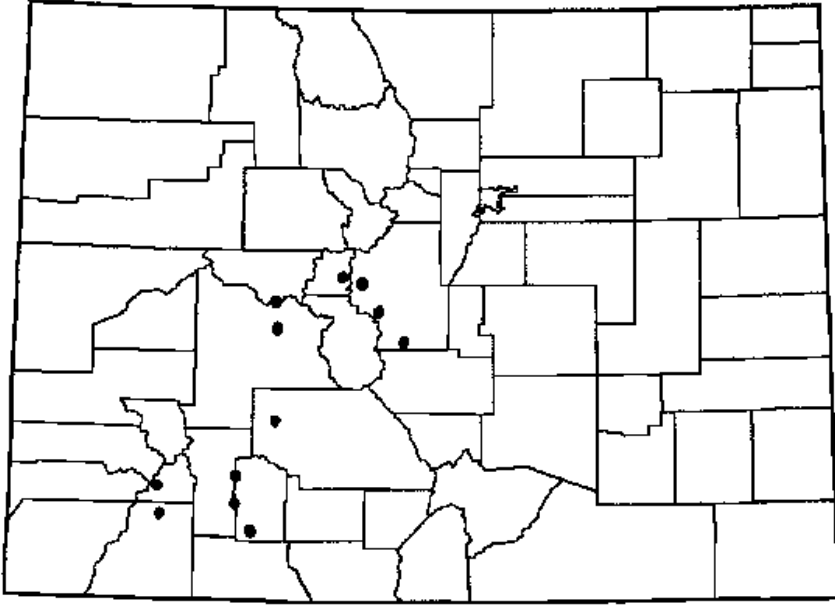
Flowering/Fruiting Period: July-early August/August.

Habitat: Gravelly areas in mountain parks, slopes and rock outcrops up to dry tundra. Elev. 8500-12,500 ft.



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Distribution: Endemic to SC Wyoming and Colorado (Gunnison, Hinsdale, La Plata, Lake, Mineral, Park, Pitkin, Saguache and San Juan Cos.).



References: Fertig 1994b.