

Oxybaphus rotundifolius

ROUND-LEAF FOUR-O'CLOCK



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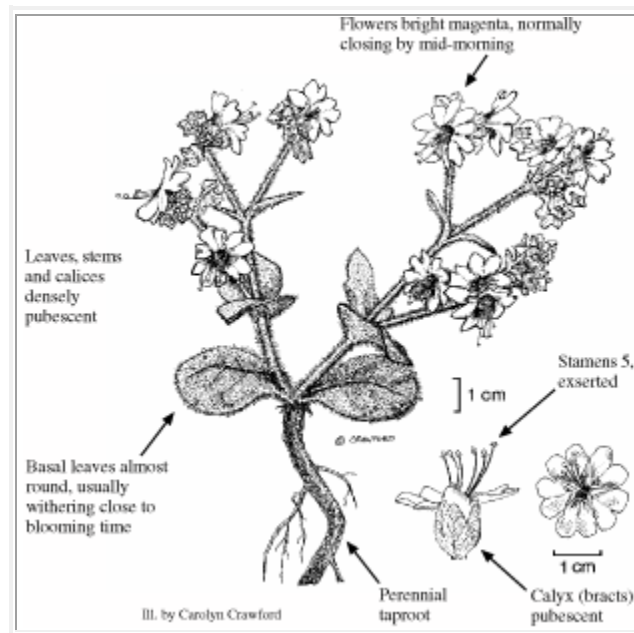


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Nyctaginaceae (Four-O'Clock Family)

Synonym: *Mirabilis rotundifolia*

Look Alikes: *Mirabilis multiflora* is much larger than *O. rotundifolius*, and has glabrous and glaucous leaves.

Flowering/Fruiting Period: Flowers in June. Flowers open before dawn and

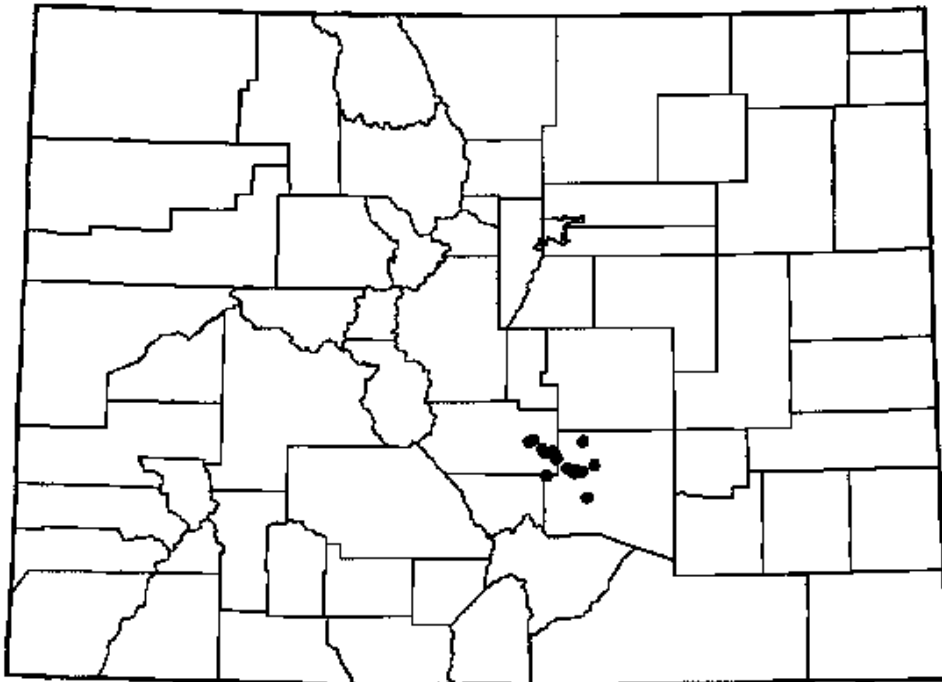
remain open until mid morning.

Habitat: Restricted to barren shale outcrops of the Smoky Hill Member of the Niobrara Formation in sparse shrublands or woodlands. *Frankenia jamesii* is the most commonly associated species. Elev. 4800-5600 ft.



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Distribution: Colorado endemic. Fremont and Pueblo Cos., in the Arkansas River Valley between Pueblo and Canon City.



References: Kelso et al. 1995; Naumann 1990c; O’Kane 1988; Spackman and Floyd 1996; Standley 1909; Weber 1990.

