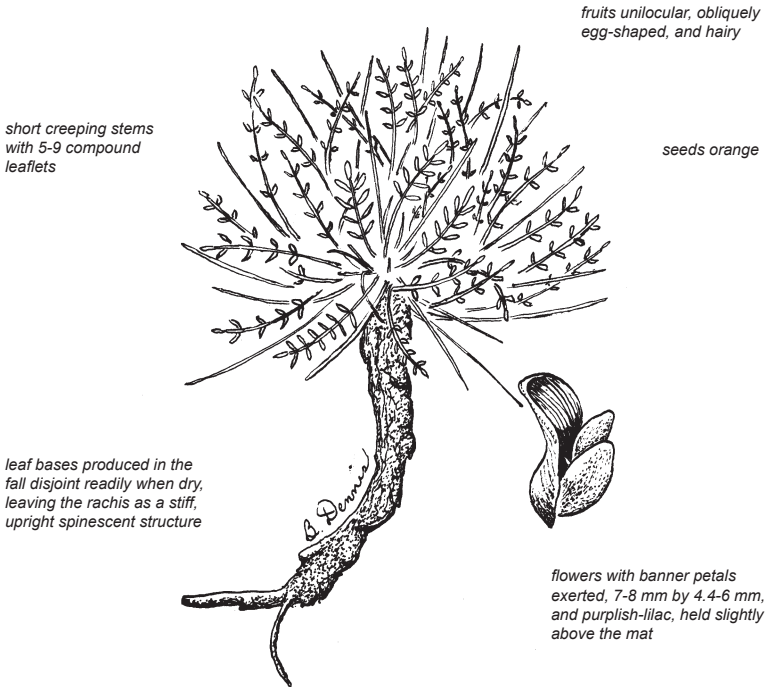


Dwarf, evergreen, perennial, mat-forming herb less than 1.5 cm high, 2-16 cm in diameter



Fabaceae (Pea Family)

Phenology: flowering late April to May, fruiting May to June.

Management Responsibility: Navajo Nation.

Similar Species: distinguished from var. *cremnophylax* by its larger flower and var. *myriorrhaphis* by lack of spinescent leaf bases and from *A. calycosus* by unilocular fruit and smaller leaflets.

Notes: this variety is endemic to the rim of Marble Canyon; in 1997, six sites with about 265 plants were located.

References: AGFD, 1995c. Barneby, 1992.



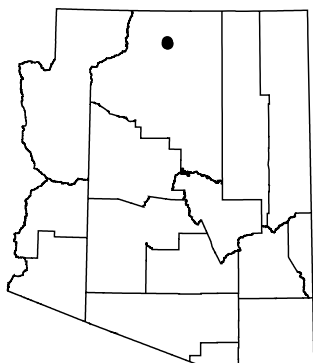
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*Astragalus
cremnophylax
var. hevronii*

Habitat: rim-rock benches at the canyon edge in crevices and depressions with shallow soils on Kaibab Limestone; Great Basin desertscrub habitat at 5,420 ft (1650 m) elevation.



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Range: known only from the east rim of Marble Canyon.