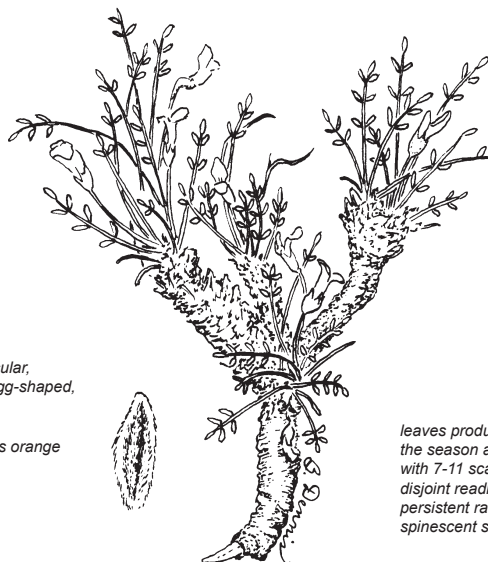


Dwarf, evergreen, perennial, mat-forming herb, 2-16 cm diameter

tiny flowers are pale purplish-lilac and borne on a raceme of 1-3 flowers, held slightly above the mat.



stems 1.2 cm long with 5-9 compound leaflets

fruits unilocular, obliquely egg-shaped, and hairy

seeds orange

leaves produced at the end of the season are 2-3.5 cm long, with 7-11 scattered leaflets which disjoint readily when dry, leaving the persistent rachis as a stiff, upright spinescent structure.

Fabaceae (Pea Family)

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

Management Responsibility: BLM (AZ Strip Field Office), USFS (Kaibab NF).

Similar Species: differs from var. *cremnophylax*, var. *hevronii*, and *A. calycosus* by presence of persistent rachis.

Notes: this variety is endemic to the Buckskin Mountains. Scattered populations at 13 sites of 749 individuals are known.

References: AGFD, 1992b. Barneby, 1989. Barneby, 1979.



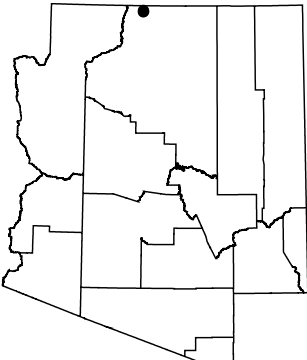
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Astragalus
cremnophyax
var. *myriorrhaphis*

Habitat: rim-rock benches at the canyon edge in crevices and depressions with shallow soils on Kaibab Limestone; pinyon-juniper woodland; Great Basin conifer woodland at 6,200 ft (1890 m) elevation.



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Range: known only from the Buckskin Mountains.