

*Dwarf, acaulescent, perennial herb from a short, knotty caudex on a simple taproot; 3.5-7.5 cm tall, 7.0-10.0 cm wide*

*leaves 3.0-11.0 cm long, petiole half that length*

*inflorescence does not ascend above the leaves, and bears 2-5 flowers that point upward*



*petals white with pink-purple veins or tips; wings 1.9-2.2. cm long*

*Pods 0.8-1.0 cm long, broad, a little incurved, terete in cross-section, bilocular, and papery*

### *Fabaceae (Pea Family)*

**Phenology:** flowering late April to May.

**Management Responsibility:** USFS (Apache-Sitgreaves NF), private.

**Similar Species:** distinguished from *A. mollisimus* var. *matthewsii* by a much smaller pod, an almost sessile inflorescence with few flowers, and generally paler flowers with barely recurved banners.

**References:** AGFD, 1997g. Baker and Wright, 1995. Sanderson, 1988.



*Astragalus  
nutriosensis*



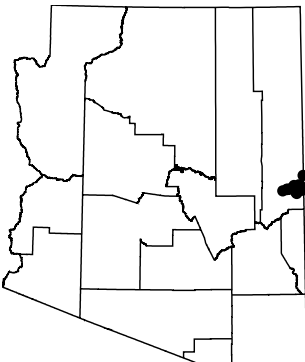
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**Habitat:** on basaltic mesa tops in gravelly loam soils in open grassland, sometimes among pinyon and juniper, 7,040-7,800 ft (2145-2375 m) elevation.



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**Range:** eastern Arizona, between Springerville and Nutrioso; also found in New Mexico.