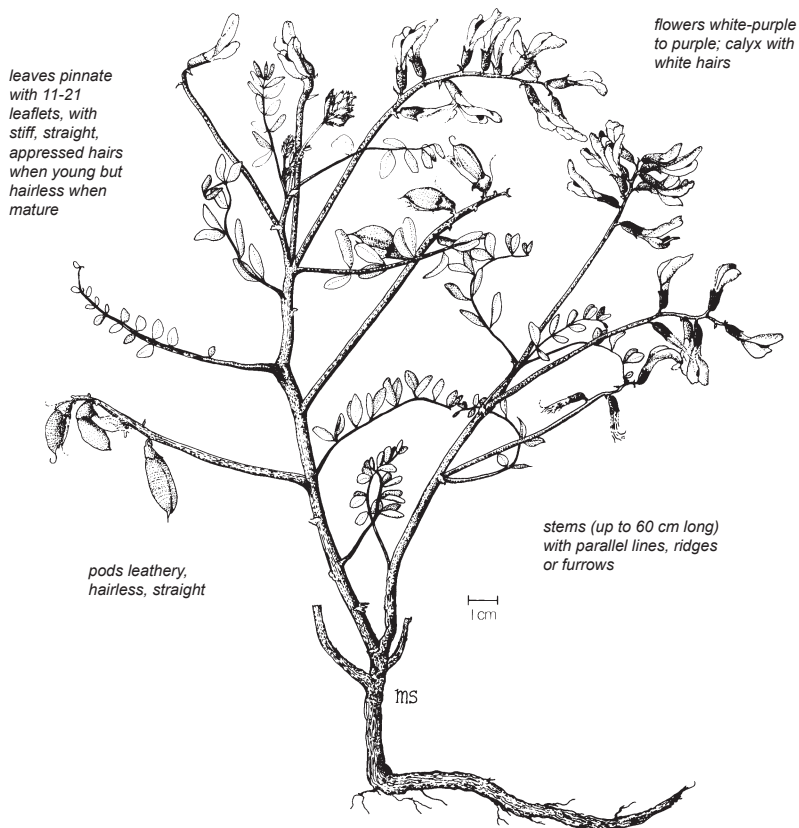


Perennial herb strongly
malodorous fresh or dried



Fabaceae (Pea Family)

Phenology: flowering late March through May; fruits persistent.

Management Responsibility: Navajo Nation, NPS (Glen Canyon NRA), AZ State Land Dept, BLM (AZ Strip Field Office).

Similar Species: *Astragalus praelongus*, *A. preussii*. Easily distinguished from similar appearing plants by its fetid, ill-smelling scent.

Notes: populations fluctuate; abundant in years with wet winters; dry years limit germination and growth. The fungus *Macrophomina phaseoli* (charcoal rot) invades plants stressed by factors such as frost or drought.

References: AGFD, 1998d. Barneby, 1964. Brian and Phillips, 1982. Porter, 1941.

Astragalus beathii

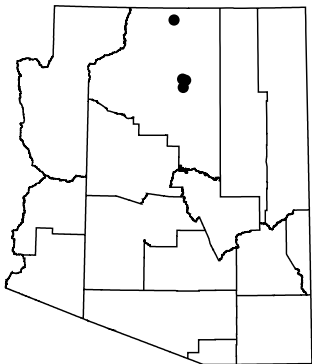


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Habitat:
roadsides and
washes on
seleniferous soils
of Moenkopi
Formation
and rarely the
Shinarump
member of Chinle
Formation in Great
Basin desertscrub,
3,385-5,415 ft
(1032-1650 m)
elevation.



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Range: Lees Ferry to south of
Cameron.