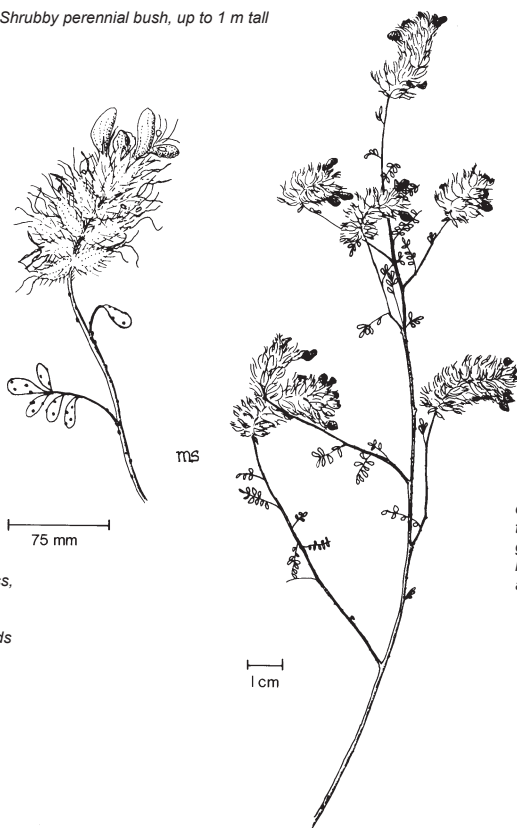


Shrubby perennial bush, up to 1 m tall

flowers sessile
(6 mm), borne in
oblong clusters,
petals rose-purple

compound
leaves (3-6 cm)
with 9-17 pairs
of leaflets

leaflets hairless,
notched at tip,
dotted with
punctate glands
below



elongate, brown
tentacle-like
glands on calyx
lobes, floral bracts
and branches

Fabaceae (Pea Family)

Phenology: flowers April to June, possibly again in September to October.

Management Responsibility: USFS (Coronado NF), Tohono O'odham Nation.

Similar Species: easily confused with *D. pulchra*, which has only 2-4 pairs of leaflets, dense silver hairs on the leaves and no tentacle glands on the calyx and *D. versicolor* ssp. *sessilis*, which has 6-9 leaflets and blister glands on the calyx.

Notes: plants in Sycamore Canyon (Coronado NF) have been monitored since 1991 and have not been observed to produce fruit. Numbers have fluctuated from 1000+ (1991) to less than 30 (1993). Threats include livestock grazing and severe flooding.

References: AGFD, 1998n. Barneby, 1977. Falk and Warren, 1994.



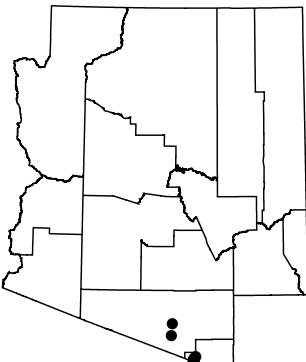
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Dalea tentaculoides

Habitat: located along canyon bottoms on primary terraces subject to occasional flooding, possibly on rocky slopes at elevations of 3,600–4,000 ft (1100–1300 m). Substrate is sandy, gravelly loam. Full sun or partial shade.



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Range: Sycamore Canyon, Pajarito Mountains, and Baboquivari Mountains; also known from one site in Mexico.