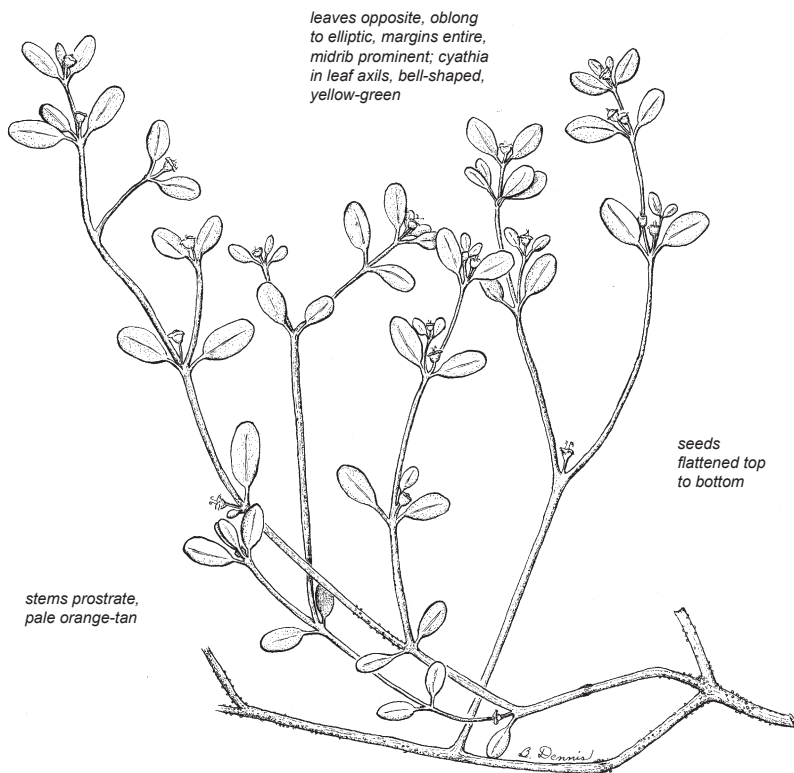


Annual plant forming low mounds



*Euphorbiaceae (Spurge Family)*

**Phenology:** February to May, maybe other seasons.

**Management Responsibility:** BLM (Yuma Field Office), DoD-USAF (Barry M. Goldwater Gunnery Range)

**Synonym:** *Chamaesyce platysperma* (Engelm.) Shinn.

**Notes:** sand adheres to the sticky stems, forming a sand jacket. Dead plants persist and trap moving sand. Not seen in CA since 1914 (Koutnik 1993). Not known from the Pinta Sands or Mohawk Dunes. Sensitive to freezing.

**References:** Felger, 1980. Koutnik, 1993.

*Euphorbia platysperma*

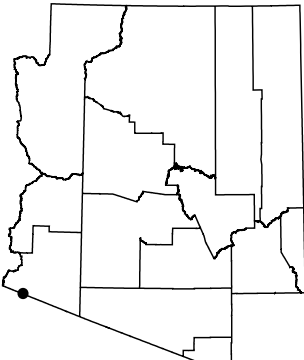


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**Habitat:** abundant on shifting dunes of low to medium height, and present on higher dunes near the head of the Gulf of California, from sea level to 500 ft (155 m) elevation within the Sonoran Desert.



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**Range:** the Yuma Dunes, also found in the Gran Desierto, Sonora, Mexico and Coachella Valley, California.