

Cactaceae (Cactus Family)

Phenology: flowering April; fruiting May to June; plants retract below ground when water is unavailable.

Management Responsibility: BLM (Safford Field Office); private.

Similar Species: *Pediocactus peeblesianus* var. *fickeiseniae* is very similar in appearance and has a prominent central spine, 6-7 spreading radial spines and grows larger.

Notes: monitoring has revealed fluctuations in flowering and fruiting success, and plant numbers. Seedling germination and establishment occur at intervals correlated with favorable amounts of precipitation. Growth rates are slow and reproduction does not occur until the plants are > 8 years old.

References: AGFD, 1998aa. Benson, 1962a and 1962b. Croizat, 1943. Phillips, B.G. and Phillips, 1996. USFWS, 1984.



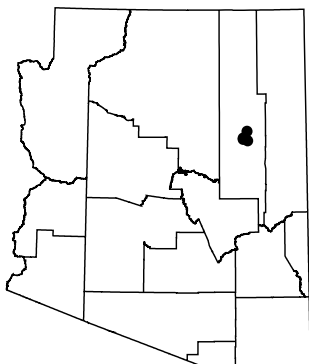
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Pediocactus peeblesianus
var. *peeblesianus*

Habitat: low hills
in desert scrub and
grassland, 5,100-
5,650 ft (1555-
1724 m) elevation.



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Range: Little Colorado River
watershed.