

*Dwarf, herbaceous perennial no more than 5 cm tall with a cluster of succulent cylindrical leaves arising directly from a globose tuber. In larger individuals, the numerous leaves appear almost as a rosette. The succulent leaves are 1-4 cm long and 2-3 mm in diameter, sometimes with a tinge of red on the petiole. The yellow, five-petaled flowers are 4-5 mm long and born on a terminal cyme (broad, flat inflorescence) that overtops the leaves. Fruit a three-valved capsule.*

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### *Portulacaceae (Portulaca/Purslane Family)*

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**Phenology:** leaves visible in late June to early July; flowering mid-July to mid-August. Flowers open only on bright sunny days, approximately at noon for 3-4 hours.

**Management Responsibility:** USFS (Coronado NF), BLM (Tucson Field Office), TNC.

**Similar Species:** the yellow flowers and succulent cylindrical leaves distinguish it from other *Talinum* in the area except *T. humile*; the latter's inflorescence generally does not overtop the leaves and leaves lack an apparent petiole.

**Notes:** TNC has monitored populations in Ramsey Canyon since 1988; habitat is subject to impacts from road building, trampling by cattle and people, and soil erosion.

**References:** AGFD, 1998mm. Falk and Warren, 1994. Gori et al, 1990.



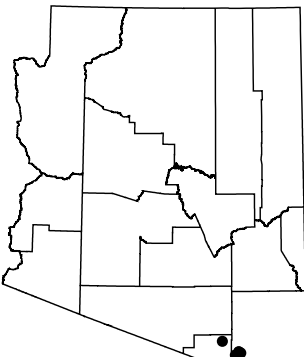
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*Talinum marginatum*

**Habitat:** shallow pockets of sandy soil on exposed bedrock ledges and terraces in Madrean pine-oak forest openings; mountainous country, 5,000-7,000 ft (1525-2135 m) elevation.



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**Range:** Huachuca Mountains; also found in Mexico (Sierra Madre Occidental in Chihuahua, Durango, Nayarit and Sonora).