COMMON NAME: COMMON CHICORY

SCIENTIFIC NAME: CICHORIUM INTYBUS

ALSO CALLED: BLUE SAILORS, BLUE DANDELION, SUCCORY, BLUEWEED, AND COFFEEWEED

FLOWER COLOR: LIGHT BLUE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: ALTERNATING ALONG THE LAST PORTIONS OF THE BRANCHES FLOWERING TIME: JUNE TO OCTOBER LEAVES: SHAPED LIKE DANDELION LEAVES NORMAL SIZE: 18" TO 36" OTHER LOOKALIKES: DESERT CHICORY EDIBLE: USABLE AS SALAD GREENS AND THE ROOTS ARE USED AS COFFEE SUBSTITUTE NORMAL ELEVATION: 4000' TO 7000' HABITATION: SLIGHT EXCESSES OF MOISTURE ABUNDANCE: RARE

NOTABLE CHARACTERISTICS: HERBACEOUS PLANT WITH LEAVES LIKE DANDELIONS AND BEAUTIFUL LARGE BLUE FLOWERS.

SPECIAL INTEREST: EACH FLOWER LASTS A SINGLE DAY. THE MOST INTERESTING DETAIL SEEMS TO BE THAT IN MANY SOUTHERN STATES, THIS PLANT IS USED AS A FLAVOR ADDITIVE FOR COFFEE. IT IS SAID TO PRODUCE A RATHER BITTER BUT INTERESTING CHANGE TO COFFEE.