

COMMON NAME:

BLADDER SAGE

SCIENTIFIC NAME:

SALAZARIA MEXICANA

OTHER COMMON NAMES: PAPERBAG BUSH AND MEXICAN BLADDER SAGE

FLOWER COLOR: PURPLE AND WHITE

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: COVERING WHOLE EXTERIOR

FLOWERING TIME: APRIL TO JULY

LEAVES: SMALL TO ABOUT 1 "

NORMAL SIZE: 3' TO 5'

NORMAL ELEVATION: LOW ELEVATIONS

HABITATION: USUALLY ALONG DRY WASHES

ABUNDANCE: RARE

NOTABLE DETAILS: A MASS OF MANY-BRANCHED, COMPACT WIRY BRANCHES, WITH TINY LEAVES. THEY HAVE WHITE FLOWERS WHICH HAVE ONE PURPLE PETAL POINTING DOWNWARD WITH LITTLE REDDISH-PURPLE BAGS WHICH BECOME YELLOWISH BAGS WHEN THE FLOWERS FALL OFF

SPECIAL INTEREST: EXTREMELY DIFFERENT PLANT BUT LOVELY WHEN IT IS IN BLOOM.