

COMMON NAME:
FOUR-WING SALTBUSH

SCIENTIFIC NAME:
ATRIPLEX CANESCENS

ALSO CALLED: CHAMIZA, SHADESCALE, SALT SAGE, AND WINGSCALE

FLOWER COLOR: YELLOW
FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: MICRO INCONSPICUOUS
FLOWERING TIME: JULY TO AUGUST
LEAVES: NARROW ELONGATED WITH STRONG MID-LEAF VEIN
EDIBLE: SEEDS USED FOR FOOD
NORMAL SIZE: UP TO 6'
NORMAL ELEVATION: 4500' TO 7500'
HABITATION: FLAT PLAINS AND OPEN ROADSIDES
ABUNDANCE: COMMON

NOTABLE DETAILS: LARGE BUSH WITH NARROW ELONGATED LEAVES AND CHARACTERISTIC FOUR-WINGED SEED CAPSULES

SPECIAL INTEREST: IT IS NOTED THAT SOME INDIANS USED THIS PLANT AS A LEAVENING AGENT FOR BREAD AND SEEDS FOR FOOD