

COMMON NAME:
DESERT BEDSTRAW

SCIENTIFIC NAME:
GALIUM STELLATUM

ALSO CALLED: SHRUBBY BEDSTRAW AND STARRY BEDSTRAW

FLOWER COLOR: WHITE

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: ROUND BALL ACCUMULATION OF MANY SMALL FLOWERS IN A BALL ABOUT 1/2" TO 1" IN DIAMETER

FLOWERING TIME: APRIL TO SEPTEMBER

LEAVES: WHORLED AROUND BRANCHES IN TYPICAL BEDSTRAW FORMATION WITH FOUR SHORT POINTED LEAVES AT 90-DEGREE ANGLES

NORMAL SIZE: UP TO ABOUT 4' ROUNDED BUSH

NORMAL ELEVATION: BELOW 3500'

HABITATION: ALONG DRY WASHES AND CANYONS

ABUNDANCE: COMMON

NOTABLE DETAILS: BUSH WITH MOSTLY WOODY BRANCHES AND WITH GREEN NEW GROWTH WHICH HAS TYPICAL WHORLS OF FOUR LEAVES AND HAIRY LOOKING ROUND BALLS OF SMALL FLOWERS