

COMMON NAME:

STARPOINTS

SCIENTIFIC NAME:

MICROSERIS LINEARIFOLIA

ALSO CALLED: SILVER PUFFS, SILVER STARS, AND MICROSERIS

FLOWER COLOR: YELLOW

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: SINGLY ON HOLLOW STALKS

FLOWERING TIME: FEBRUARY TO MAY

LEAVES: NARROW DEEPLY LOBED

NORMAL SIZE: UP TO 24"

OTHER LOOKALIKES: SALSIFY

NORMAL ELEVATION: BELOW 5000'

HABITATION: DRY RIVERBEDS AND GRAVELLY PLAINS AND HILLSIDES

ABUNDANCE: COMMON AT LOW ELEVATIONS

NOTABLE DETAILS: HERBACEOUS LOW PLANT WITH STAR-LIKE FLOWERS AND PRODUCES A REMARKABLE SEED PUFF BALL WHICH IS LARGE AND UNIQUE

SPECIAL INTEREST: DIFFERING FROM SALSIFY IN THE APPEARANCE OF THE SEED STALK, HEAD SIZE, AND DIFFERENT TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL SEED. FLOWER POINTS ARE MORE NUMEROUS AND LEAVES ARE MORE NUMEROUS AND DISTINCT BUT STILL SOMEWHAT SIMILAR BY CASUAL OBSERVATION