

COMMON NAME:

GREASEWOOD

SCIENTIFIC NAME:

SARCOBATUS VERMICULATUS

ALSO CALLED: BLACK GREASEWOOD AND BIG GREASEWOOD

FLOWER COLOR: GREEN

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: WHAT APPEARS TO BE FLOWERS ARE SCATTERED AROUND EXTERIOR OF MOST NEW GROWTH BRANCHES. THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF FLOWERS, MALES AND FEMALES ARE QUITE DIFFERENT. MALES ARE SMALL CONE-LIKE. FEMALES ARE ALMOST UNNOTICEABLE BUT DEVELOP INTO WHAT APPEAR TO BE FLOWERS, BUT ARE ONLY A FRUITED GROWTH THAT RESEMBLES A DISK-LIKE FLOWER.

FLOWERING TIME: JULY TO SEPTEMBER

LEAVES: SMALL FLESHY FINGERLING FILAMENTS

NORMAL SIZE: UP TO 12' BUT NORMALLY ABOUT 5'

NORMAL ELEVATION: 4000' TO 5000'

HABITATION: DITCHES AND DISTURBED AREAS

ABUNDANCE: RARE

NOTABLE DETAILS: FLESHY FILAMENT SHORT LEAVES WITH PECULIAR FRUITED BODIES LIKE CONES AND IMITATION FLOWERS.

SPECIAL INTEREST: A VERY UNWANTED PLANT IN MANY STATES. IT IS HARDLY MORE THAN A NOVELTY IN ARIZONA.