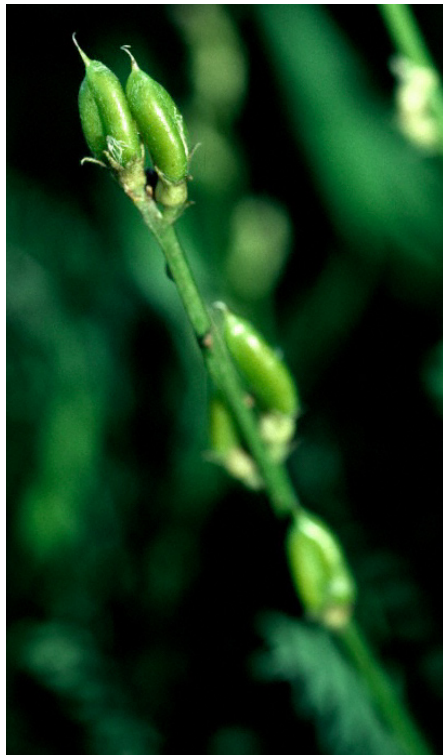


Astragalus arrectus

Fabaceae

Palouse milkvetch



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pod is stout, erect,
linear, with stipitate
base

Plant is erect perennial with a woody taproot and forked caudex, in clumps, 30-60 cm tall, entire plant with sparsely appressed pubescence. **Stems** numerous. **Leaves** green to grayish, glabrous above, with 13-21 leaflets, narrowly oblong to elliptical with a cuneate base, stout peduncles much longer than the leaves. **Inflorescence** a dense, erect raceme with 15-35 flowers, cream-colored calyx black-strigillose, tube campanulate, acute teeth and whitish corolla, petals irregularly graduated with wings exceeding the banner in length, banner abruptly recurved. **Fruit** is a stout, erect, linear, short-beaked pod, with a stipitate base, stipe same length as calyx.

Lookalikes

Astragalus arthuri

differs from featured plant by

its slender, curved pods, with stipe exceeding the calyx, and reflexed flowers.

***Astragalus arrectus* A. Gray**

Palouse milkvetch

PLANTS symbol: ASAR7

July 2005 status Washington:T; WaNHP:S2



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Distribution: East-Central Washington and Palouse and Whitman Counties, Idaho.

Habitat: Grassy hillslopes, sagebrush flats, open pine/fir forests and grass and shrub dominated clearings on dry, rocky to moist, rich soil.

Elevation: 300-1220 m

Best survey time (in flower): May-June

Associated species:

Holodiscus discolor (Creambush oceanspray)
Symphoricarpos albus (Snowberry)
Purshia tridentata (Antelope bush, Bitter brush)
Triteleia grandiflora (Douglas's brodiaea)
Balsamorhiza sagittata (Arrowleaf balsamroot)
Lupinus (Lupine species)



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