

# *Abronia umbellata* var. *breviflora*

Nyctaginaceae

Pink sand-verbena



Gerald D. Carr



Gerald D. Carr

Wilbur L. Bluhm



Wilbur L. Bluhm

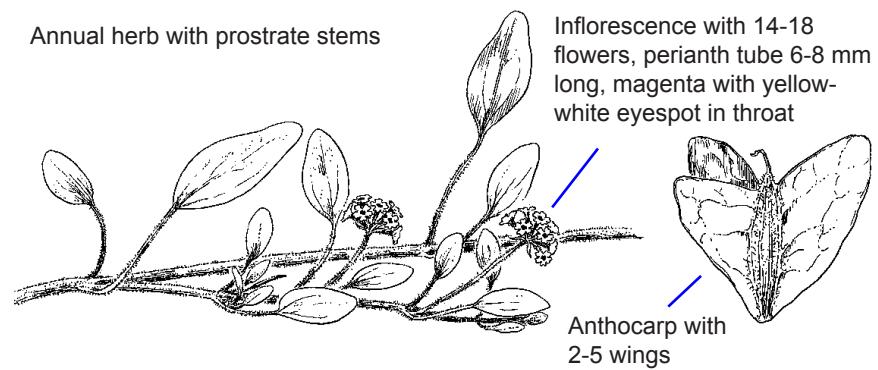


best survey times

J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D



Annual herb with prostrate stems



Inflorescence with 14-18 flowers, perianth tube 6-8 mm long, magenta with yellow-white eyespot in throat

Anthocarp with 2-5 wings

VASCULAR PLANTS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST (1955)  
Hitchcock & Cronquist,  
courtesy of University  
of Washington Press.

Annual, glabrous to glandular-hairy herb. Stems prostrate, less than 0.2-1.0 m long, branched, succulent. Leaf blade oval to oval-rhombic, 1.5-3 cm long, 0.8-2.5 cm wide; petiole 1-6 cm long, slender. Inflorescence a peduncle, 2-12 cm long; bracts 4-7 mm long, flowers 14-18. Flower perianth tube 6-8 mm long, green or yellow; limb 5-8 mm wide, light to dark magenta, the throat surrounded by a yellow-white eyespot. Fruit an anthocarp with 2-5 poorly to moderately developed wings, glandular-hairy on top, glabrous below; seed elliptic-oblong, brown, approximately 4 mm long.

## Lookalikes

*Abronia umbellata* var. *umbellata*

*Abronia latifolia*

## differs from featured plant by

its perianth tube over 9 mm long. Known only from California and Baja, Mexico.  
its yellow or wine-red perianth.

***Abronia umbellata* Lam. var. *breviflora* (Standl.) L.A.**

**Galloway**

Pink sand-verbena

PLANTS symbol: ABUMB

August 2019 status Federal: SOC; Oregon: LE; ORBIC: List 1



**Distribution:** Coast of Monterey County, California to Puget Sound, Washington.

**Habitat:** Coastal dunes and disturbed sandy areas in coastal scrub.

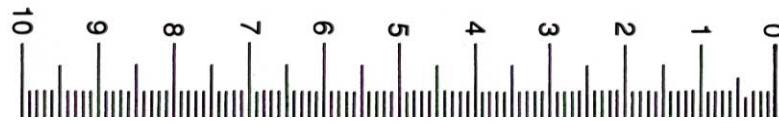
**Elevation:** At or near sea level.

**Best survey time (in flower):** May – September

**Associated species:**

*Cakile maritima* (European searocket)

*Ambrosia chamissonis* (Beach-bur)



**Oregon Flora**  
<https://oregonflora.org>  
Published August 2019