



Project BudBurst

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Common Name: Silverleaf phacelia
Scientific Name: *Phacelia hastata*
Plant Family: Hydrophyllaceae

Identifying Characteristics:

Size: 5 to 50 cm (2 to 20 in) tall

Leaves: The spoon-shaped leaves are about 5 to 10 cm (2 to 4 in) long; some may be lobed.

Flowers: The white or pale purple flowers are crowded in small clusters on one side of the spikes that are coiled into twisted "S" shapes. Each spike has 5-50 flowers of about 0.6 cm (0.25 in) long. Look for the brown stamens that protrude far beyond the flower petals.

Stem: This forb can have several stems, growing spread out over to straight from the ground. The stems are stiff-hairy, but not glandular and grayish-green in color.

Habitat: Dry, rocky places among sagebrush and in coniferous forests.

Bloom time: Mid-spring

Information sources:

Wildflower centre
(wildflower.utexas.edu/plants/result.php?id_plant=PIPO)
Jepson Flora Project (ucjeps.berkeley.edu/cgi-bin/get_JM_treatment.pl?4518,4587,4634,4636)
USGS
(www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/plants/wildflwr/species/phachast.htm)

Did you know? Phacelia species are grown for honey-production in some countries. They are also used as ornamentals.



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Phenological observation:
First Flower

Distribution Area:

