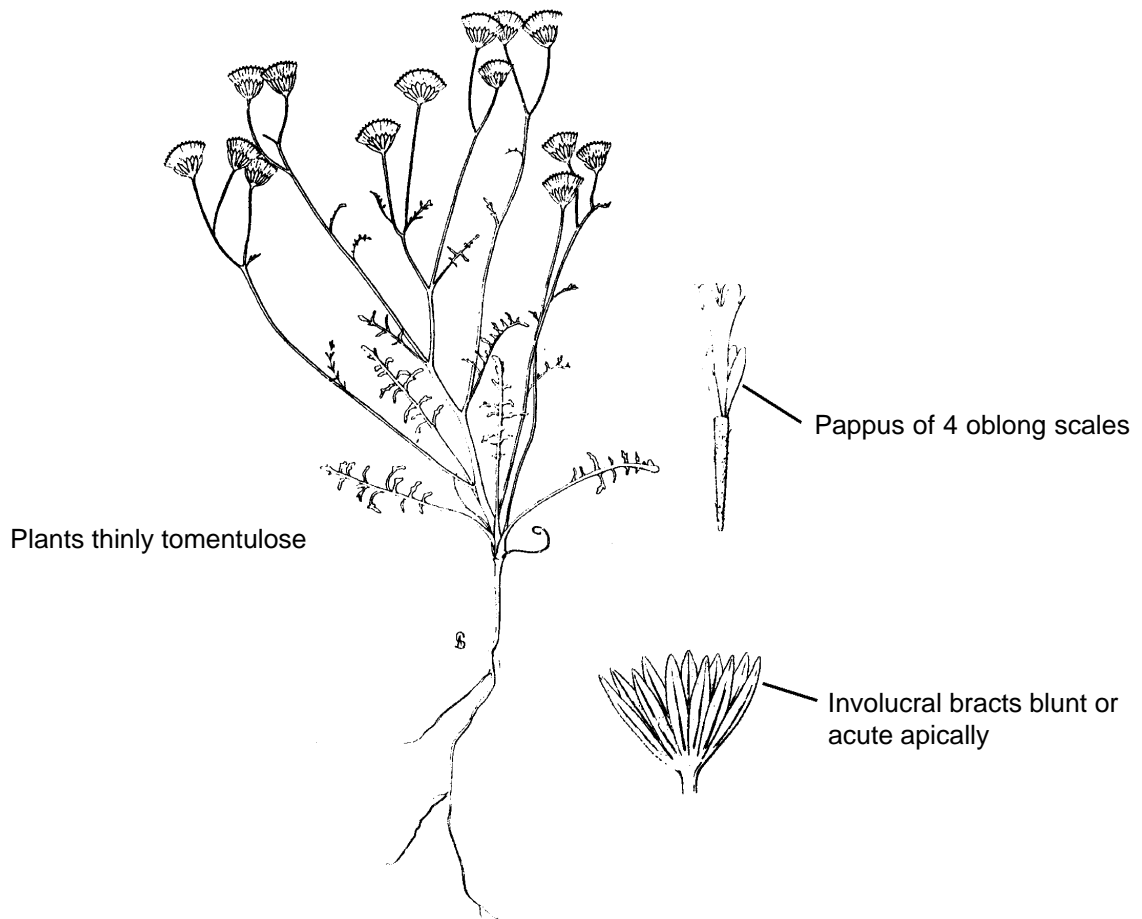


## Desert pincushion

*Chaenactis stevioides*

Annual



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**Scientific Name:** *Chaenactis stevioides* Hook. & Arn.

**Bibliographic Reference:** Hooker and Arnold, 1839. Bot. Beechey Voy. 353.

**Common Name:** Desert pincushion

**Family (Common Name):** Asteraceae or Compositae (Sunflower Family)

**Synonyms:** *C. brachypappa* A. Gray; *C. stevioides* var. *brachypappa* H.M. Hall; *C. floribunda* Greene; *C. stevioides* var. *thorneri* Stockw.

**Idaho Native Plant Society Category:** State Priority 2

**Natural Heritage Program Rank:** S2

**Distribution:** Idaho populations are known from Ada, Elmore, and Owyhee counties; w Colo. and sw Wyo., w and s to se Oreg., s Calif., Baja Calif., Ariz., n. Sonora. and w N.M.

**Habitat:** Open, usually sandy sites in salt desert shrub, primarily, Wyoming sagebrush, horsebrush, four-wing saltbrush and Indian ricegrass communities, to 1200 m elevation.

**Phenology:** April through June.

**Look-alikes:** None



Closeup of *Chaenactis stevioides*

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Habitat of *Chaenactis stevioides*

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Species  
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