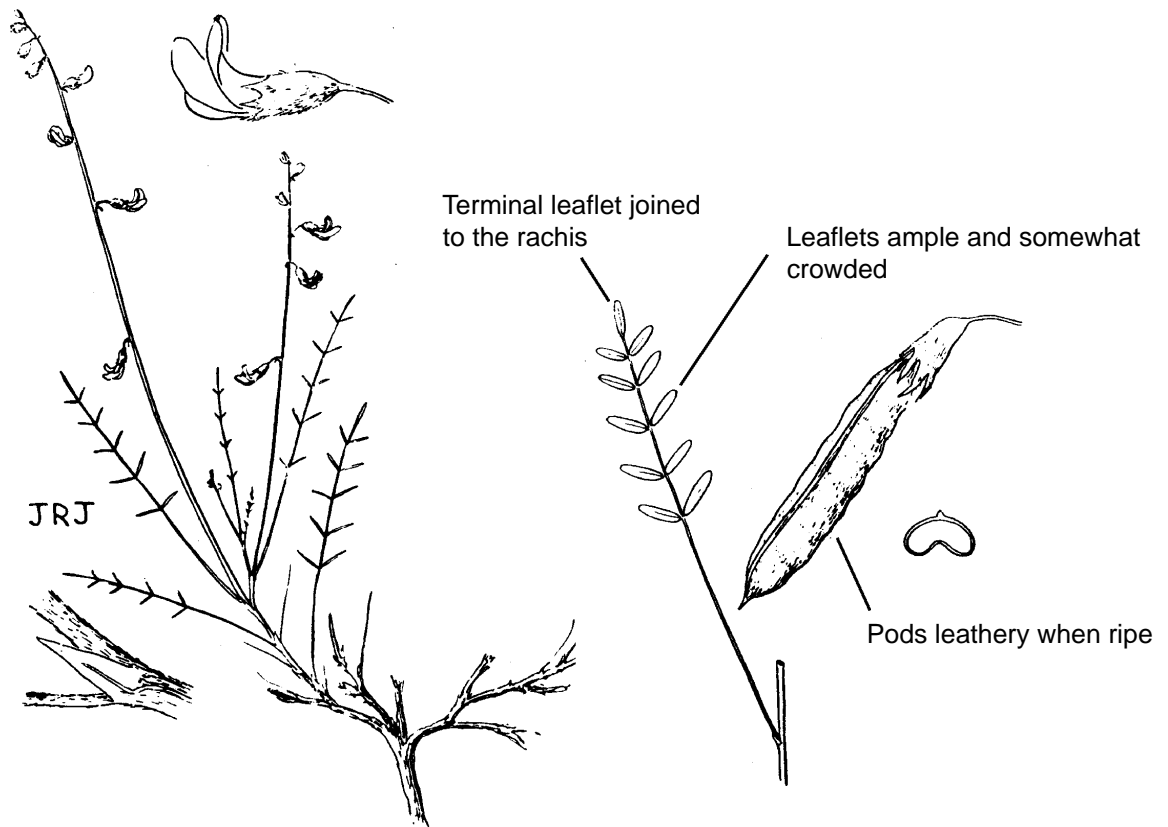


## Mourning milkvetch

*Astragalus atratus* var. *inseptus*



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**Scientific Name:** *Astragalus atratus* S. Wats. var. *inseptus* Barneby

**Bibliographic Reference:** Barneby, 1961. Univ. Wash. Publ. Biol. 17(3): 220.

**Common Name:** Mourning milkvetch

**Family (Common Name):** Fabaceae or Leguminosae (Pea Family)

**Synonyms:** According to Barneby (1989) plants in Gooding County pass into var. *owyheensis* suggesting var. *inseptus* may not be taxonomically distinguishable.

**Idaho Native Plant Society Category:** Global Priority 3

**Natural Heritage Program Rank:** S3

**Distribution:** Endemic to the n edge of the Snake River Plains in s Blaine, s Camas, n Lincoln, and Gooding counties, Idaho, central around the Mount Bennett Hills.

**Habitat:** Sagebrush/grass communities in thin soil of stony basalt flats where moist in spring, below 1500 m elevation.

**Phenology:** Late May through July.

**Look-alikes:** Similar to var. *owyheensis* but with more ample and less scattered leaflets; and the terminal leaflet jointed to the rachis. The pods are coriaceous when ripe.



Closeup of *Astragalus atratus* var. *inseptus*

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Habitat of *Astragalus atratus* var. *inseptus*

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