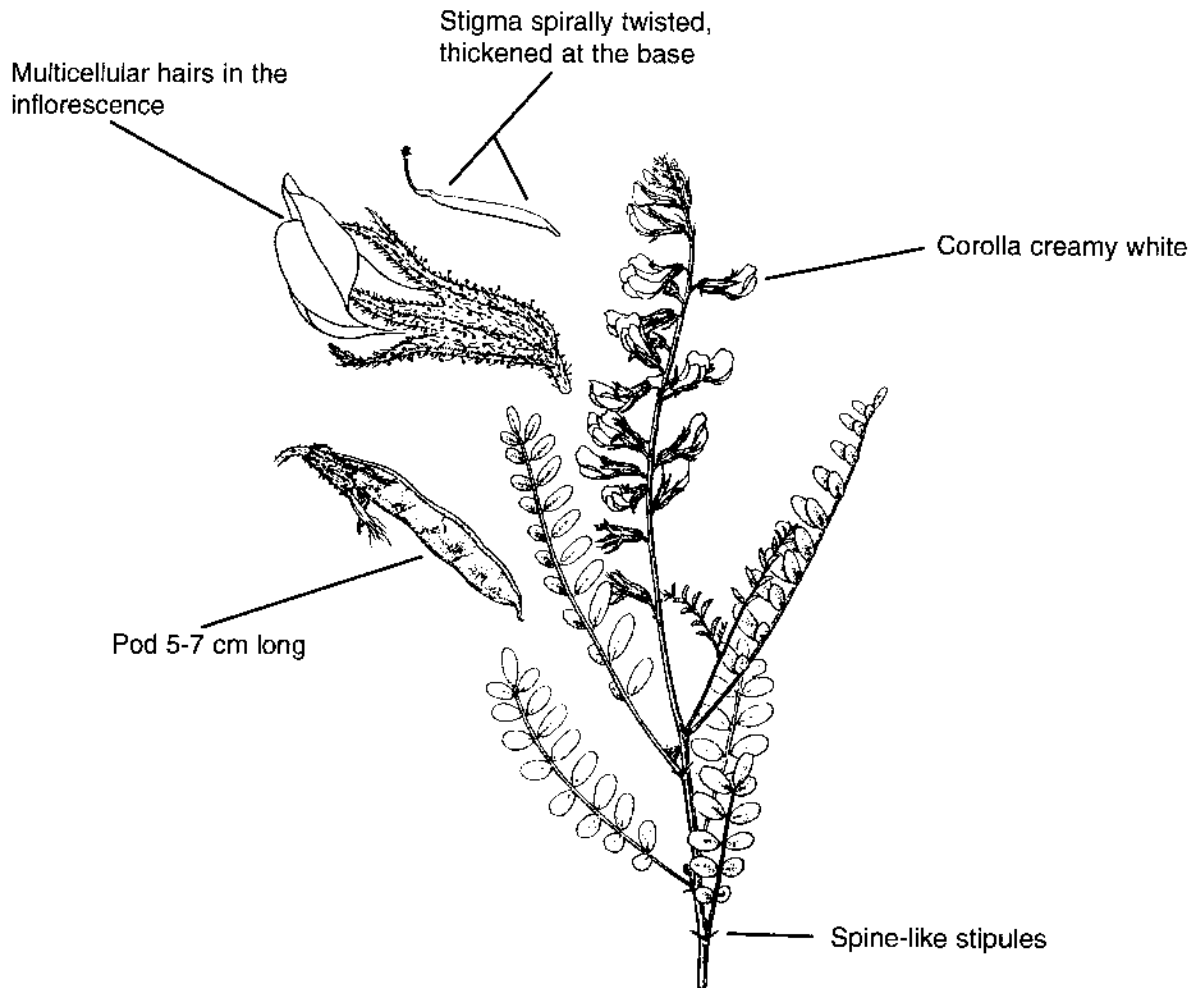


## Spine-noded milkvetch

*Peteria thompsoniae*



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**Scientific Name:** *Peteria thompsoniae* S. Wats.

**Bibliographic Reference:** Watson, 1873. Amer. Natur. 7: 300.

**Common Name:** Spine-noded milkvetch

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

**Synonyms:** *Peteria nevadensis* Tidestr.

**Idaho Native Plant Society Category:** State Sensitive

**Natural Heritage Program Rank:** S2

**Distribution:** Owyhee County, Idaho; e Utah, w across s Utah and adjacent nw Arizona, s Nevada to ne Nye Co. The Idaho populations in the lower Bruneau River area are isolated from the main populations but represent some of the largest of the species.

**Habitat:** On slopes in desert shrub communities in dry washes, flats, ridges and talus. Idaho populations are restricted to volcanic sands, from 840-1300 m elevation.

**Phenology:** (late April) May through June.

**Look-alikes:** Superficially resembling an *Astragalus* but distinct from this genus of plants in having spine-like stipules (hence the common name spine-noded milkvetch), multicellular hairs in the inflorescence, and a spirally twisted, basally thickened style with a tuft of hairs below the stigma.



Closeup of *Peteria thompsoniae*

Duane Atwood



Habitat of *Peteria thompsoniae*

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