



Scientific Name: *Psathyrotes annua* (Nutt.) A. Gray

Bibliographic Reference: Gray 1853, Pl. Wright. 2:100.

Common Name: Turtleback

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

Synonyms: *Bulbostylis annua* Nutt., Pl. Wright. 2: 100. 1863.

Idaho Native Plant Society Category: State Priority 1

Natural Heritage Program Rank: S1

Distribution: Owyhee County, Idaho; California, Nevada and Arizona.

Habitat: Salt desert shrub communities, usually on sandy, well drained soils, 730-1200 m elevation.

Phenology: (June) July through August.

Look-alikes: Similar to other *Psathyrotes* species but distinct in having toothed leaves, scurfy herbage, but not long-piliferous as in other species.



Closeup of *Psathyrotes annua*

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Habitat of *Psathyrotes annua*

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