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Scientific Name: Peraphyllum ramosissimum Nutt. in Torr. & Gray

Bibliographic Reference: Nuttall in Torrey & Grav. 1840, Fl. N. Amer. 1: 474.

Common Name: Squaw apple

Family (Common Name): Rosaceae (Rose Family)

Synonyms: None

Idaho Native Plant Society Category: State Priority 2

Natural Heritage Program Rank: S2

Distribution: Washington County, Idaho; e and ne California, e Oregon, wc and s Nevada, s and c Utah to w

Colorado, nw New Mexico.

Habitat: On heavy clay soils, often as small inclusions in sagebrush-bunchgrass or mountain shrub communi-

ties, 1000-1500 m elevation.

Phenology: May through June (July).

**Look-alikes:** A distinct intricately and rigidly branched shrub with narrowly, and abruptly acute oblanceolate leaves fascicled at the tips of short spurs. Calyx lobes triangular-acuminate; fruit an acrid yellowish to reddish apple-like pome.



Closeup of Peraphyllum ramosissimum

Joe Duft



Habitat of Peraphyllum ramosissimum

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Species Distribution