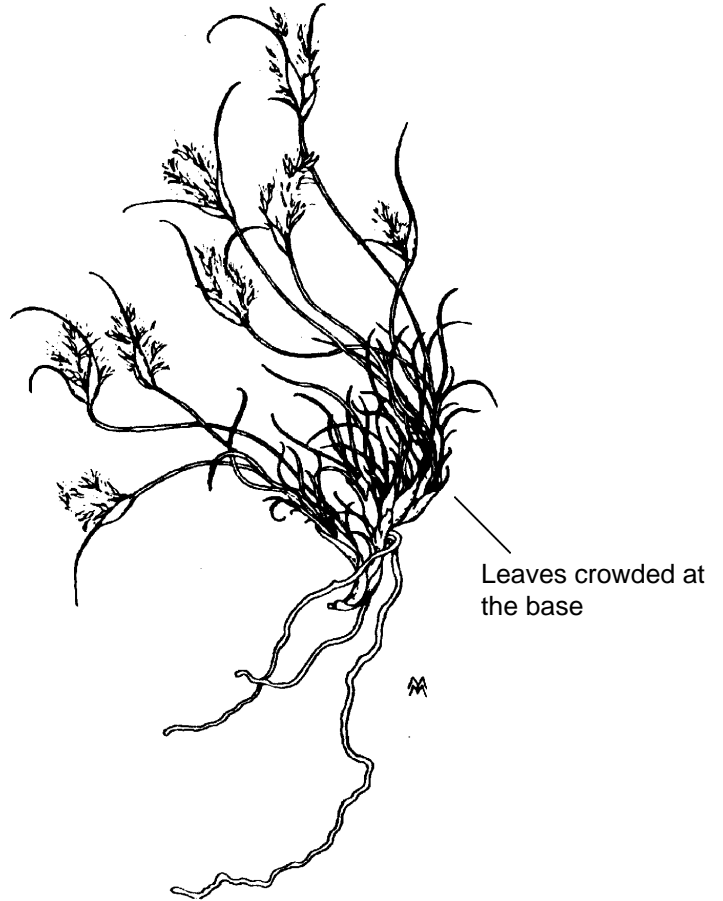
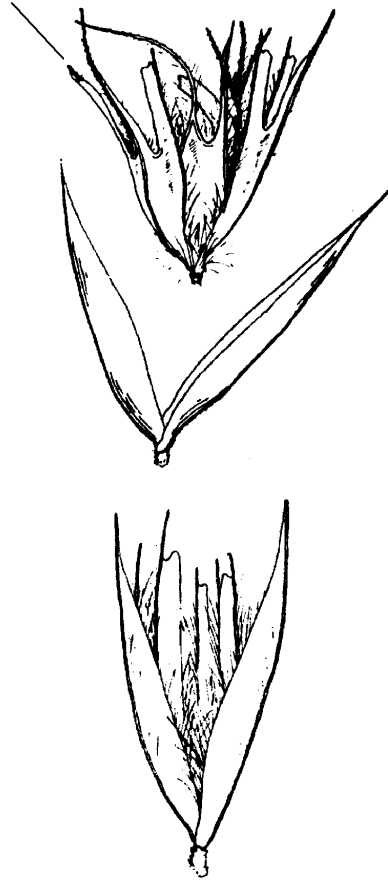


King's desertgrass

Blepharidachne kingii

Uppermost lemma a 3-awned
bristle-like rudiment

Spikelets 4-flowered



Scientific Name: *Blepharidachne kingii* (S. Wats.) Hackel in A. & C. DC.

Bibliographic Reference: Hackel, 1889. Monogr. Phanerog. 6: 261.

Common Name: King's desertgrass

Family (Common Name): Poaceae or Gramineae (Grass Family)

Synonyms: *Eremochloe kingii* S. Wats.

Idaho Native Plant Society Category: State Priority 1

Natural Heritage Program Rank: S1

Distribution: Western Utah, e to California and disjunct in the n part of sw Idaho (Owyhee County).

Habitat: Greasewood, shadscale, ephedra, rabbitbrush, horsebrush, Indian ricegrass, budsage, sagebrush and Idaho fescue communities in gravelly soils, from 1070-1830 m elevation.

Phenology: Late May through late June; sometimes flowering in the fall following late summer rains.

Look-alikes: A distinct species with the leaves crowded near the base, spikelets mostly 4-flowered vs 5-8-flowered, and the uppermost lemma a 3-awned bristle-like rudiment.



Closeup of *Blepharidachne kirgii*

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Habitat of *Blepharidachne kirgii*

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