

***Astragalus tegetarioides***

**var. *tegetarioides***

Fabaceae

Deschutes milkvetch



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tiny flowers, 3-6 in a head, erect banner



plants short (2-5 cm tall), forming prostrate mats



fruit a pubescent, one-seeded pod

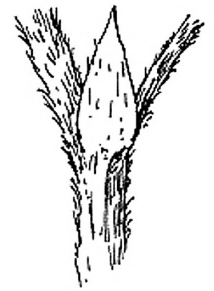


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**Plant** is caespitose perennial, prostrate, with many-branched stems 2-5 cm tall, forming dense rounded mats. Whole plant silvery-colored, with appressed, wavy or curly hairs. **Leaves** compound, 2-4cm long, petiole nearly equal to blade, with (5) 7-11, obovate to cuneate loosely folded leaflets. **Inflorescence** horizontal, 3-6 flowers in a head, calyx bell-shaped, grayish-pubescent, banner purple striped and erect. **Fruit** usually a one-seeded pod, 4-6mm long, grayish pubescent.

**Lookalikes**  
*Astragalus*

**differs from featured plant by**  
The prostrate habit and tiny flowers of *A. tegetarioides* distinguish it from other *Astragalus* species.

best survey times  
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# *Astragalus tegetarioides* M.E. Jones var. *tegetarioides*

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PLANTS symbol: ASTE4

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**Distribution:** Eastern Oregon: Harney, Deschutes and Grant Counties

**Habitat:** Dry sandy soil, in Ponderosa pine forests.

**Elevation:** 1300–1700 m

**Best survey time (in flower):** Late May–Late August

## Associated species:

*Artemisia tridentata* (Big sagebrush)

*Artemisia arbuscula* (Little sagebrush)

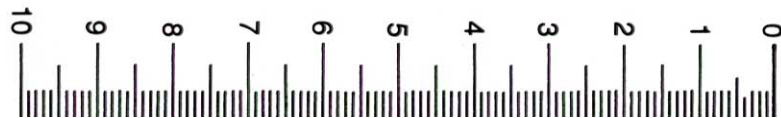
*Elymus elymoides* (Squirreltail)

*Epilobium brachycarpum* (Tall annual willowherb, Autumn willowherb)

*Eriophyllum lanatum* (Common woolly sunflower)

*Juniperus occidentalis* (Western juniper)

*Pinus ponderosa* (Ponderosa pine)



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