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Beware the Scorpion Weed



It's a pretty purple flower that grows wild during the springtime. But don't be tempted to pick this desert blossom. Known as Scorpion Weed, coming in contact with this wildflower can have a similar reaction as touching poison ivy or oak.

When I was a teen, growing up in

Havasu, I picked wild flowers during the springtime. I don't recall avoiding this particular plant. But years later, when we moved back to Havasu, our son broke into a nasty rash after coming in contact with the devious weed.

These days most locals are savvy to the nasty reactions that can occur if one touches the weed. And I know of one situation, where a student brought his poor, unsuspecting teacher a bouquet of Scorpion Weed. The teacher, new to our area, knew nothing of the weed, and ended up getting very ill.

So remember, when the time comes to do a little weeding in your Havasu yard, beware the Scorpion Weed. And please, don't add them to your spring bouquet!

POSTED BY BOBBI HOLMES AT 1:55 PM 

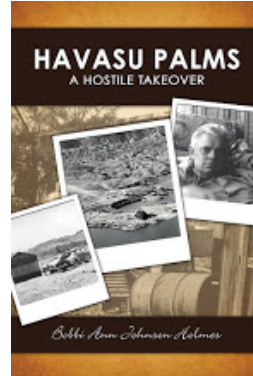
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 Cheryl said...

I just got back from a week long trip to AZ, part of which featured a stop in Lake Havasu where I grew up. After 15 years of chasing lizards through washes, picking poisonous bouquets, and walking barefoot through God knows what, I NEVER got a rash. Now, after spending the last half of my life in Oregon, I go back to Havasu and come home with the damn scorpion weed all over my feet and wrists!! I got online to see if there were any remedies, and cracked up when one of the first sites that came up originated from LHC.... OF COURSE.

APRIL 9, 2008 AT 9:31 PM

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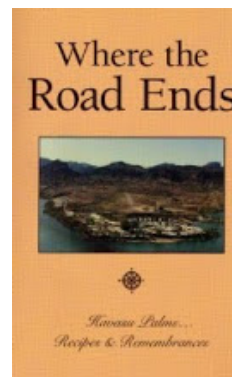
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B Laura said...

Well I live here in Havasu and get the nasty scorpion weed rash every year. Can any one tell me how to treat it, fast?

MARCH 16, 2009 AT 3:56 PM

B Laura said...

Please send an email!

MARCH 16, 2009 AT 3:58 PM

B Jane said...

This is a nasty rash. Your dog can bring the poisonous powder on it's fur so be careful. You can then get it from the rug...or on your bedspread...or just from petting your dog. The dog suffers too.

Rinse the dogs underside and legs when it goes thru the desert on walks.

Use aloe vera gel or juice from the health store... refrigerate it and apply. It is very cool and soothing. Dries it up quickly. Also I find active yogurt soothing.

APRIL 30, 2009 AT 10:32 PM

Jayne said...

Use aloe vera juice or gel from health food store.

Chill juice in refrigerator. It will soothe and take away the itch as well as dry the rash.

Also take a benadryl or allergy pill for the week to keep the rash in check.

Also wash all the clothes that were in contact with the weed. Be careful that your dog does not have the powder from the

weed on his fur. He can carry it to you by sitting on the furniture or bed after a desert hike.

APRIL 30, 2009 AT 10:35 PM

Herb said...

I too am a resident of Havasu and a scorpin weed victim.I use a product called tecnu to combat the weeds effects. It also can be used on pets.The product can be found at most drug stores such as Walgreens CVS etc.

MARCH 27, 2010 AT 1:13 PM

Anonymous said...

I too live in Havasu, being a 33 year resident I should have known better than to even attempt to remove two small plants in the yard. Disasterous result! I have found an older remedy that works well on most poisonous plants -Phels naptha laundry soap. It is FABULOUS. it comes in a bar form so you can easily use it in the shower on the affected areas and in the laundry as well. Technu works great too. Like I said this is an older remedy - but it is a tried and true one. :)

APRIL 8, 2010 AT 11:05 PM

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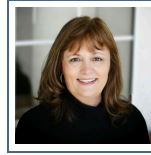
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My Havasu Flower Garden

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Walk down McCulloch Blvd. this Spring

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B dinana said...

I live in Parker AZ and have had the lovely experience of the scorpion rash up and down my legs. It is very painful and itchy and seems to grow with the touch. The pharmacist at the Havasu Walmart was kind enough to tell me what I had and turn me on to tacnu which I keep on hand at all times. It is the only thing that really worked for me.

AUGUST 11, 2011 AT 9:25 AM

B Chandu said...

The hairs lining the flower and seed pods and the small spicules on the leaves contain 5-hydroxytryptamine (serotonin) which cause severe itching (pruritus) when touched. The calyx below the flowers is also a source of itchy spicules (causes Rashes) and the stinging hairs on the outside of the seed pods and flowers are used in itching powder. Water should not be used if contact occurs, as it only dilutes the chemical. Also, one should avoid scratching the exposed area since this causes the hands to transfer the chemical to all other areas touched. Once this happens, one

tends to scratch vigorously and uncontrollably. Use raw, unrefined moist tobacco to treat the itching and rashes, the application of cow dung is very effective to treat the itching caused by the spicules of this herb

DECEMBER 26, 2011 AT 10:39 AM

B Awe said...

I fell in some scorpion weed yesterday riding my bike at SARA park. If I took a shower right after a 2 hour ride will I be okay. How long does it take before it starts to show up. I'm allergic to Poison ivy & oak so assume to this also. Thank you for your blog!!

MARCH 24, 2013 AT 10:08 AM

chief said...

I found out the hard way a few years back. Ended up in emergency in California, the doctor didn't have a clue. Ended going to specialist and he determined it to be a plant rash and gave me a steroid shot that started helping right away. My hand swelled double its size and cracked and peeled for weeks. Painful needless to say.

Now I spray them every year and weed them down when they dry up.

Does anyone know if there's dangerous when they dried up?

MARCH 27, 2013 AT 6:20 PM

Anonymous said...

Can anyone tell me what the rash looks like???

thanks

APRIL 8, 2013 AT 11:00 PM

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