

Xylorhiza tortifolia

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Xylorhiza tortifolia is a species of flowering plant in the aster family known by the common names **Mojave aster** and **Mojave woodyaster**. It is native to the deserts of the southwestern United States, where it grows in canyons and other habitat. It is a perennial herb or subshrub with branching, hairy, glandular stems that reach 60 to 80 centimeters in length. The leaves are linear, lance-shaped, or oval, with pointed or spiny tips and spiny edges. The leaf surfaces are hairy and glandular. The inflorescence is a solitary flower head borne on a long peduncle. The head has a base with long, narrow phyllaries which may be over 2 centimeters long. The head contains up to 60 or more lavender, pale blue, or white ray florets which may be over 3 centimeters long. The fruit is an achene which may be over a centimeter long, including its pappus of bristles.

External links

- Jepson Manual Treatment: var. *tortifolia* (http://ucjeps.berkeley.edu/cgi-bin/get_JM_treatment.pl?609,1982,0,1985)
- USDA Plants Profile (<http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=XYTO2>)
- Flora of North America (http://www.efloras.org/florataxon.aspx?flora_id=1&taxon_id=250067840)
- Photo gallery (http://calphotos.berkeley.edu/cgi/img_query?query_src=photos_index&where-taxon=Xylorhiza+tortifolia)

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Scientific classification

Kingdom:	Plantae
(unranked):	Angiosperms
(unranked):	Eudicots
(unranked):	Asterids
Order:	Asterales
Family:	Asteraceae
Tribe:	Astereae
Genus:	<i>Xylorhiza</i>
Species:	<i>X. tortifolia</i>

Binomial name

Xylorhiza tortifolia

(Torr. & A.Gray) Greene

Synonyms

Aster orcuttii

Machaeranthera orcuttii