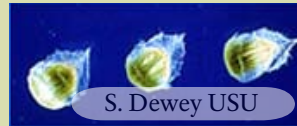
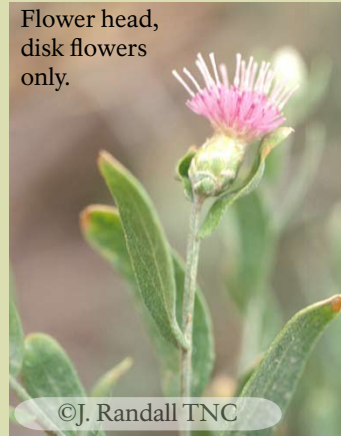




KEY
CHARACTERISTICS

- growth** Perennial rhizomatous herb. Erect, corymbosely branching, 45-90 cm tall.
- flower** Pink/purple petalled, solitary, urn-shaped heads with disk flowers only. Petals turn straw-colored at maturity.
- leaves** Lower leaves are deeply lobed, oblong to lanceolate; upper leaves are toothed and oblong getting progressively smaller.
- roots** Well developed creeping root system, dark brown to black surface.
- fruit** Achenes are grayish, compressed, with a lateral ridge and long white bristles.
- bracts** Many pearly colored involucrel bracts subtend the flower head, with rounded or acute papery margins.
- seedlings** Newly emerged seedlings are covered with fine hairs, giving a blue green color.



Elevation:
Up to 7000 feet

Ecotypes Invaded:
Scrublands, desertlands, grasslands, riparian, woodlands & forests.

ECOLOGY & DISTRIBUTION

Invades disturbed areas readily. Common in disturbed western grassland and shrubland communities as well as riparian forests.

Common along roadsides, ditches, riverbanks, croplands, wastelands & clearcuts.

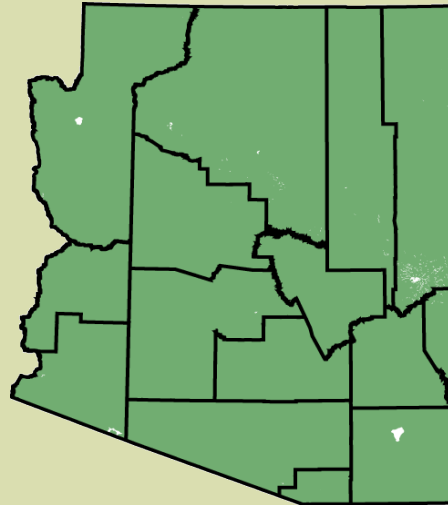
Prefers open areas and is sensitive to decreased amounts of sunlight.

A. repens is avoided by grazing animals due to its bitter taste. It is poisonous to horses, causing a neurological disorder if ingested.

Seedling



SUITABLE HABITAT



Suitable habitat based on the Arizona Wildlands Invasive Plant Working Group (AZ-WIPWG) assessment. Green = suitable habitat; White = unsuitable habitat; Gray = unknown. Based on Brown, Lowe & Pase (1980) vegetation communities.

Seed head

