

Rare Plants of Louisiana



Astragalus nuttallianus - milk-vetch Legume Family (Fabaceae)

Rarity Rank: S2S3/G5

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State		■	■		
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	imperiled		rare		secure

Range: LA and AR west to CA and NV

Recognition:

- Annual legume with loosely matted, prostrate to weakly ascending stems
- Leaves are odd-pinnately compound with 7 to 19 leaflets that are 2 to 14 mm long
- Flowers purplish or white, in terminal racemes

Flowering Time: March - April

Light Requirement: Full sun

Wetland Indicator Status: Does not occur in wetlands anywhere in its range

Habitat: Coastal dune grasslands, Gulf beaches, and open areas on cheniers.

Threats:

- Shoreline erosion
- Damage to beaches and sand dunes caused by vehicular traffic

Beneficial Management Practices:

- Shoreline or island stabilization
- Protect beaches and sand dunes from human-caused degradation

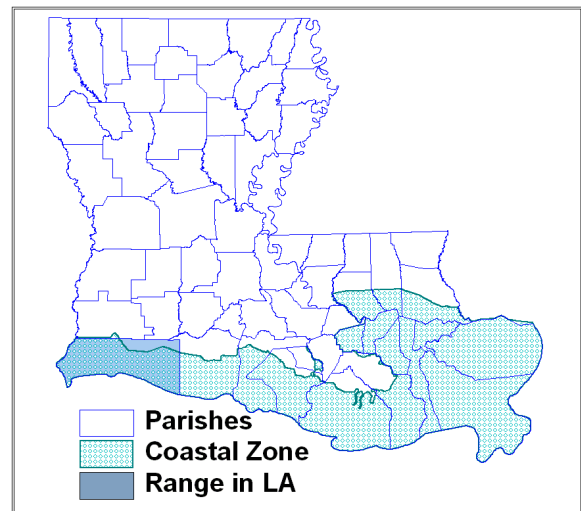
LA River Basins: Mermentau, Calcasieu, Sabine



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