

Rare Plants of Louisiana



Pedimelum rhombifolium - roundleaf scurf-pea

Legume Family (Fabaceae)

Rarity Rank: S2S3/G5

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State		■	■		
Global					■
	imperiled		rare		secure



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Range: AR, LA, OK, TX; also Mexico

Recognition:

- Vine-like herb from a deep rootstock with prostrate to ascending stems up to 1 m long
- Leaves consisting of 3 leaflets that are ovate or rhombic, 1 to 3 cm long
- Inflorescences axillary, basically in heads with 2 to 8 flowers
- Flowers small with brick red or orange-brown corollas
- Fruit a legume about 8 to 10 mm long with a slender often curved beak

Flowering Time: Spring to summer

Light Requirement: Full sun

Wetland Indicator Status:

Does not occur in wetlands anywhere in range

Habitat:

High energy Gulf beaches and coastal dune grasslands.

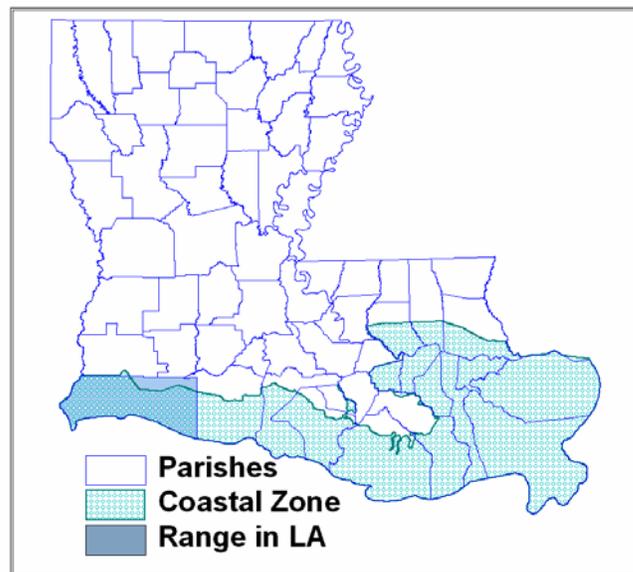
Threats:

- Shoreline erosion
- Vehicular traffic, excessive foot traffic and livestock grazing

Beneficial Management Practices:

- Shoreline stabilization
- Protect beaches and dunes from degradation by humans and livestock

LA River Basins: Mermentau, Calcasieu, Sabine



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