Utah Sweet Vetch  
(*Hedysarum boreale*)

**Zone:** 3-8  
**Color:** Magenta pink  
**Bloom Time:** May to August  
**Plant Type:** Perennial herb  
**Mature Height:** 8-24” tall  
**Mature Spread:** 12-24” wide  
**Water Use:** Low to medium

**Soil Type:** Prefers sandy and rocky soils; well-drained loamy soils

**Range and Native Habitat:** The Utah Sweet Vetch is wide-ranging throughout the west and into Canada. It prefers dry, rocky hillsides and crests; sandy stream valleys; and roadsides — between the elevations of 4,000 and 8,000 feet.

**Suggested Maintenance:** Little maintenance is required. Although the plant is drought tolerant, water occasionally until it becomes established. Mature plants tolerate drought well but will perform better with some supplemental water.

**Other:** The Utah Sweet Vetch is an important component of sage grouse habitat. The roots were used as food by northern tribes and also as a substitute for licorice. It has the ability to fix nitrogen and improve the quality of the soil.

**Soil Drainage**  
**Fast**

**Distribution Map**

**Landscaping Information**

- **Sun:** Full sun to part shade
- **Water Needs:** Low to medium
- **Summer Irrigation:** Max 1x/month once established
- **Soil Drainage:** Fast
- **Propagation:** By seed. Pre-soak seeds 24 hours in warm water before planting. Plant division in spring.

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