



UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Utah Sweet Vetch (*Hedysarum boreale*)



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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

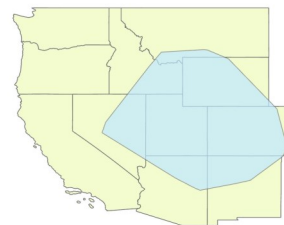
Soil Type: Prefers sandy and rocky soils; well-drained loamy soils

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.

Distribution Map



Wildlife Supported



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.