

Slender herbaceous perennial; stems incurved-ascending, 15-35 cm long, thinly pubescent on upper portions, glabrous below; leaves 3-8 cm long with 17-25 oval leaflets, slightly hairy underneath, glabrous above; inflorescence with 15-25 whitish flowers, about 8-9 mm long; pods pendulous, on a slender stipe 2.2-5 mm long, straight or nearly so, 13-25 mm long, 3-4 mm in diameter, with short black or mixed black and white hairs and lacking a groove on the suture.

Fabaceae (Pea Family)

Phenology: flowering and fruiting June to September.

Management Responsibility: USFS (Coconino NF, Kaibab NF), private.

Similar Species: *Astragalus recurvus* has purple-tinged flowers less than 7 mm long and strongly curved pods without a stipe.

Note: an early report of this species from Mt. Trumbull has been referred to *A. straturensis*, which has purple flowers and occurs on limestone soils.

Reference: Barneby, 1964.

Astragalus rusbyi



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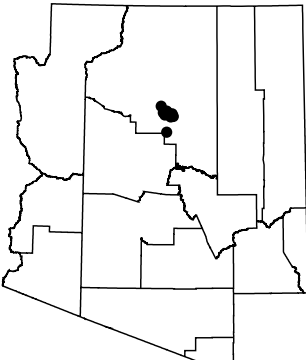


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Habitat: openings or meadows in ponderosa pine forests or at the edges of thickets and aspen groves, on dry basaltic soils; at elevations ranging from 7,000-8,000 ft (2130-2440 m) down to 5,400 ft (1650 m) in Oak Creek Canyon.



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Range: Flagstaff area and the lower slopes of the San Francisco Peaks descending into Oak Creek Canyon.