

### Asteraceae (Sunflower Family)

**Phenology:** flowers and fruits from September through November.

**Management Responsibility:** NPS (Organ Pipe Cactus NM), Tohono O'odham Nation.

**Similar Species:** *P. ajoensis* superficially resembles *Pleurocoronis pluriseta* when not in flower, but the leaf blades of *Pleurocoronis* are much smaller. The only other *Perityle* in the Ajo Mountains—*P. emoryi*—is not perennial.

**Notes:** *P. ajoensis* is endemic to the rock faces of the Ajo Mountains. Associated species include *Pleurocoronis pluriseta*, *Crossosoma bigelovii*, and *Ericameria cuneata*.

**References:** Johnson et al, 1991. Phillips, A. M. et al, 1982d.

*Perityle ajoensis*



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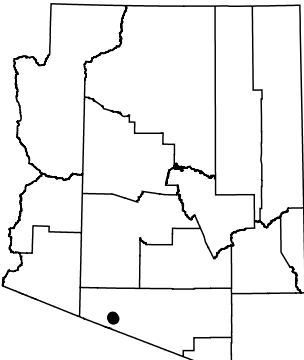


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**Habitat:** plants hang from vertical cliff or boulder faces, usually with north or west-facing aspects, in the Ajo Mountains, 2,600-4,800 ft (790-1465 m) elevation.



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**Range:** Ajo Mountains.