



## Desert Broom *Baccharis sarothroides*

Greasewood, Rosin-Bush, & Groundsel

### Description:

**Height:** 3'-12 tall

**Flowers:** Small, white & yellow flowers

**Leaves:** 1/4" long, one to three pairs of leaflets on each pinna

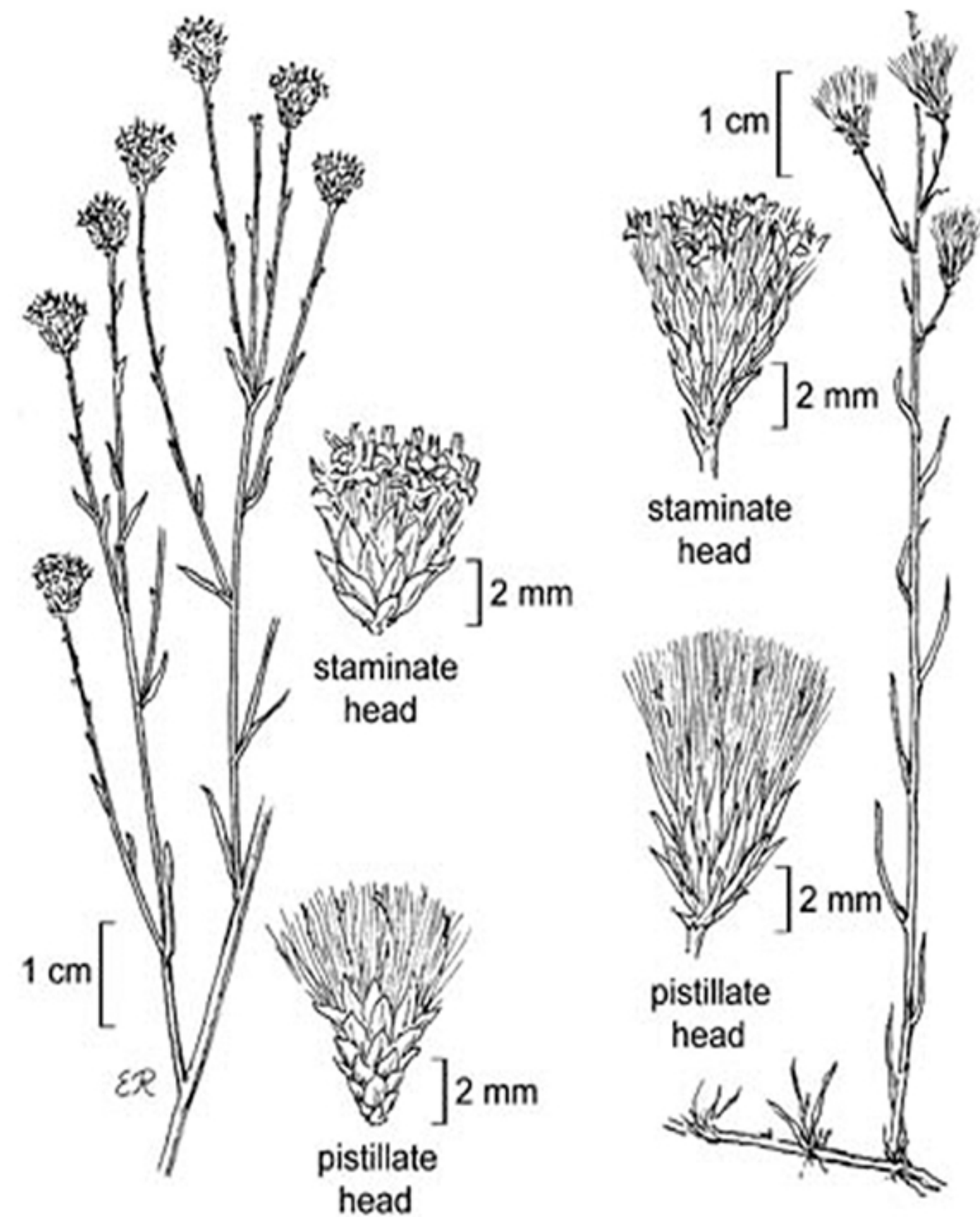
**Flowering:** Fall, dioecious

### Uses:

Desert Broom's twigs can be steeped to make a tea used to treat colds, sinus, headaches, and digestive issues. Because of its anti-inflammatory properties, the tea can also be rubbed on the body to ease aches and pains.

### Native Cultures:

Used by many southwest indigenous people, such as the Pima, the desert broom's name comes from the native use of tying together several branches to create brooms.



*Baccharis sarothroides*

*Baccharis vanessae*

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Additionally, reports show that the wood was used in arrow making.



### Habitats:

Found mostly in southern California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, and western Texas, the deserts, sandy washes, and along roadsides.

insects. However, many people are allergic to the pollen. ASDM characterizes Desert broom as a "pioneer plant" that does well in disturbed soil.

### Pollinators:

Desert broom flowers attract many butterflies and other



### Resources:

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