

**FURTHER NOTE ON THE NAME OF
OONOPSIS PUEBLOENSIS (ASTERACEAE: ASTEREA)**

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In a recent taxonomic summary of the genus *Oonopsis* (Nesom 2024) I was not able to find the reference to a publication that has, in part, underlain confusion regarding the name *O. puebloensis*. As brought to my attention (see Acknowledgements), the reference is an account of endemic calciphiles of the Middle Arkansas River Valley of Colorado (Kelso et al. 1996), which listed the unpublished name "*Oonopsis puebloensis*" as an uncommon species (Table 1 reproduced here) — there was no mention of the name or the species in the text and clearly no intent to validate it. In emphasis, the staff of the International Plant Names Index (IPNI, <<https://ipni.org>>) has indicated that the name {with "Kelso et al." authorship and with the Forest Service publication} is a "nom. inval." The name is now validly published as *O. puebloensis* Brown & Evans (in Nesom 2024).

Table 1. Calciphilic taxa of the Middle Arkansas River Valley, Colorado.

Widespread

<i>Frankenia jamesii</i>	SW disjunct
<i>Menodora scabra</i>	SW disjunct
<i>Artemisia bigelowii</i>	Endemic
<i>Echinocereus reichenbachii</i> *	SW disjunct
<i>Melampodium leucanthum</i>	Endemic
<i>Townsendia fendleri</i>	Endemic
<i>Erioneuron pilosum</i>	Endemic
<i>Penstemon auriberbis</i>	Endemic
<i>Eremogone (Arenaria) hookeri</i>	Endemic
<i>Lesquerella fendleri</i>	Endemic
<i>Zinnia grandiflora</i>	SW disjunct

Uncommon

<i>Bolophyta (Parthenium) tetraeuris</i> *	Endemic
<i>Lesquerella ovalifolia</i>	Endemic
<i>Lesquerella calcicola</i>	Endemic
<i>Nuttallia (Mentzelia) chrysantha</i> *	Endemic
<i>Eriogonum lachnogynum</i>	Endemic
<i>Eriogonum tenellum</i>	Endemic
<i>Hoffmanseggia drepanocarpa</i>	SW disjunct
<i>Oonopsis puebloensis</i> *	Endemic

Limited to Rare

<i>Oxybaphus (Mirabilis) rotundifolius</i> *	Endemic
<i>Penstemon versicolor</i>	Endemic
<i>Asclepias uncialis</i> *	Distribution
uncertain	

*Indicates species of special concern in Colorado.

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