

KEY
CHARACTERISTICS

growth Deciduous, loosely branched shrubs or small trees

flower **4 parted**, petals light pink, 1.6-2 mm long. Flowers borne on slender racemes 1-4 cm long. Stamen borne opposite nectar disk lobes. Flowers appear before leaves. Flowers abundant between April and August

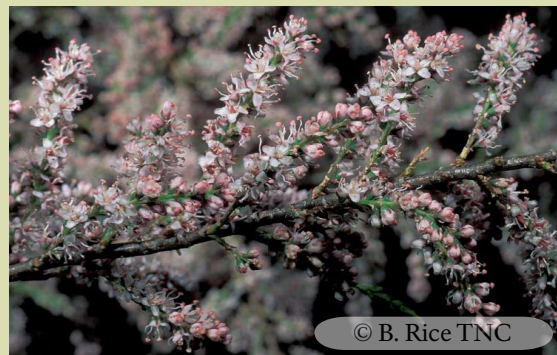
stems Branchlets are slender, purplish & arching with minute appressed scaly leaves.

leaves Stalkless, alternate, scale like; diamond shaped to ovate, sharply pointed to generally tapering, 1.5-3 mm long. **Twig leaves overlapping**.

Margins of leaves and tips of older leaves are thin dry and membranaceous.

fruit Petals usually retained on the fruit. Seeds borne in a lance ovoid capsule

3-4mm long; tip tapering to a point; many seeded, seeds with tufted plumose hairs.



flower color

Elevation:
100-5000 feet

Ecotypes Invaded:
Riparian and non-riparian wetlands.

ECOLOGY & DISTRIBUTION

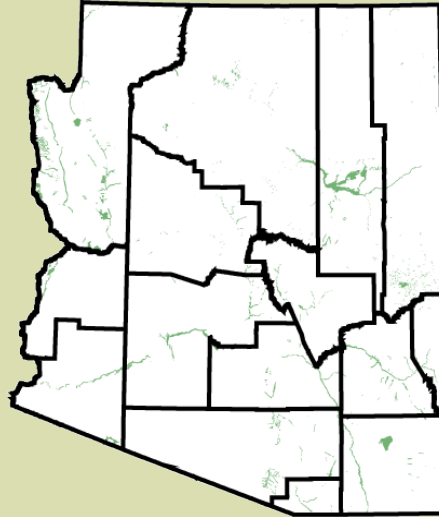
These species are long lived plants that can tolerate a wide range of environmental conditions.

Prolific seed producer and can also regenerate from buried or submerged stems.

Changes in flood regimes, salinity, temperature, and substrate can allow *Tamarix sp.* to displace natives.



SUITABLE HABITAT



Suitable habitat based on the Arizona Wildlands Invasive Plant Working Group (AZ-WIPWG) assessment. Green = suitable habitat; White = unsuitable habitat; Gray = unknown. Based on Brown, Lowe & Pase (1980) vegetation communities.

