Iodine Bush

Genus/species *Allenrolfea occidentalis*

Family **Chenopodiaceae**

Distribution **Western US**

E Oregon and S Idaho southward to S California
S California eastward to W Texas
W Texas northwestward to W Oregon

Comments This plant, also known as Pickleweed, is a native woody shrub having succulent twigs with scalelike leaves that grows to about 3 feet in height. It is restricted to salt basins and playas below 5000 feet elevation, mostly in the Great Basin and Mojave Desert eastward to the Trans-Pecos region of Texas. The flowers are rather inconspicuous, protruding slightly from among the leaves, and flowering occurs from about June to August, with seeds ripening in the fall. Both sexes are on the same plant. Relatively small quantities of airborne pollen is released.