

***Phacelia indecora* J.T. Howell**
Bluff Phacelia

Family: Hydrophyllaceae

Synonyms: None

NESL Status: G4

Federal Status: None

Plant Description: Annual, 3-14cm tall, with erect to spreading stems, glandular. Leaves elliptic to oblong, 4 – 26 mm long, hirsutulous and glandular. Corolla narrowly campanulate, pale blue, 3 – 4 mm long, the lobes pubescent, the tube pale yellow streaked with blue lines. Flowering period is May.

Similar species: Similar to *P. incana*, but the stems are finely glandular-puberulent vs. glandular villous with spreading hairs. The corolla is pale blue vs. white to pale lavender in *P. incana*.

Habitat: Salt Desert scrub communities at ca. 3600 to 4500ft elevation.

Distribution: Endemic to San Juan Co, UT.

Known Distribution on the Navajo Nation: Not yet known from the Navajo Nation

Potential Navajo Nation Distribution: San Juan River drainage.

Survey Period: Positive identification is only possible during May and June.

Avoidance: A 200 ft buffer zone is recommended to avoid disturbance; may be more, depending on size and nature of the project.

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Phacelia indecora habitat

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