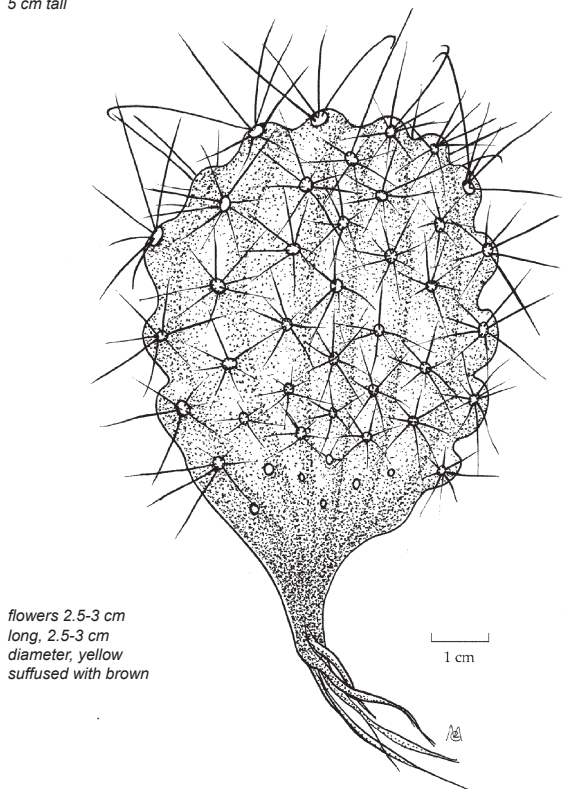


Perennial up to
5 cm tall



4 central spines;
lower central
spine white, gray
or purplish tinged,
angled, strongly
hooked.. 1.2-3 cm
long, 0.5-1 mm
wide

flowers 2.5-3 cm
long, 2.5-3 cm
diameter, yellow
suffused with brown

fruits dehisce
longitudinally

Cactaceae (Cactus Family)

Phenology: flowers April and May; fruits May and June.

Management Responsibility: BLM (AZ Strip Field Office)

Synonym: *Sclerocactus pubispinus* (Engelm.) L.D. Benson var. *sileri* L.D. Benson

Similar Species: distinguished from *Sclerocactus whipplei* and *S. parviflorus* that have fruits with basal dehiscence.

References: Earle, 1980. Heil and Porter, 1994. May, 1988. Woodruff and Benson, 1976



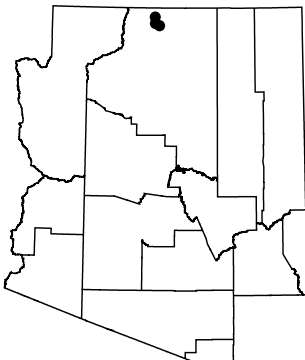
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Sclerocactus sileri

Habitat: sandstone to sandy soil of Moenave, Chinle, and Navajo Formations, with pinyon/juniper mesa tops, 5,000-6,300 ft (1475-1860 m)



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