

Botanical Name: *Pyrrhopappus pauciflorus*
Common Name: Small flower desert chickory
Family: Asteraceae (Sunflower)
Habit: Annual/Perennial
Bloom Period: February-June

- 8-20 inches tall
- Stems have milky sap
- Flower head 1-5/8 to 2 inches wide
 - Terminal
 - Solitary or a few on short stalks
 - Many ray flowers in 2-3 rows, lemon-yellow
 - Disk flowers absent (no center)
- Flowers open in the morning and close around noon
- Leaves 2-6 inches long with petiole
 - Alternately arranged
 - Leaves at base deeply lobed, sometimes toothed
 - Upper leaves smaller with 2-3 lobes on each side
 - Upper leaves sometimes narrow and entire

Found on dry clay or sandy loams in abandoned areas, lawns, pastures, cultivated fields and prairies

Distinguishing characteristic: Sprinkling of black to dark purple anther tubes scattered across the center of the flower

Note black to dark purple anther tubes scattered across the center of the flower



**Note 2-3 rows of ray flowers
No center disk**





Plant grows 8-20 inches tall



Deeply lobed basal leaves



Flower going to seed



Fruit