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Plant Distribution Reports

New records and significant distribution reports for New Mexico plants should be documented by complete collection information and disposition of a specimen (herbarium). Exotic taxa are indicated by an asterisk (*), endemic taxa by a cross (+). Comments [in brackets] are the editor's.

— Tim Lowrey [Museum of Southwestern Biology, MSC03 2020, 1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, USA 87131-0001]

Hexalectris colemanii (Catling) A.H. Kennedy & L.E. Watson (Orchidaceae): Hidalgo County: Peloncillo Mountains, Cottonwood Canyon, 390 m east of Arizona-New Mexico state boundary, 130 m east of Geronimo Trail, 7.5' USGS Skeleton Canyon topographic quadrangle Zone 12A 0685596mE, 3486984mN (NAD83), Lat. 31.5028, Long. -109.0457 (WGS84), *Quercus grisea* woodland with

Agave palmeri, *Arctostaphylos pungens*, *Rhus choriophylla*, *Elymus elymoides*, *Eragrostis intermedia*, *Ericameria laricifolia*, *Juniperus deppeana*, *Muhlenbergia emersleyi*, *Nolina microcarpa*, *Quercus emoryi*, and *Rhus trilobata*, single individual in sandy soil between boulders on east side of canyon in duff under *Q. grisea*, 1620m (5315ft), 31 May 2012, Michelle Cloud-Hughes 27 with Marc Baker and Ron Coleman (UNM). [first report of this species for NM].

Dear Friends of New Mexico Botany:

There will be a persistent pause in the perennial publication of The New Mexico Botanist newsletter, while the editor pursues personal plans (a heavenly hiatus) for a year or two, somewhere out of New Mexico and far from our fabulous flora. The newsletter began September 1995 with issue one, and issue 59 concludes on April 1, 2013. During this time, we publicized plant prosperity for over six-hundred spectacular species of New Mexico plants, from *Abronia nana* to *Zygadenus mogollonicus*, and broadcast brief botanical biographies on perhaps peculiar but never perverse personalities from W.A. Archer to B.H. Warnock. Twice (maybe more?) we learned of Loof Lirpa, that courageous collector from the country of the Czechs, who discovered the little-known *Aprilis stultis* (family Fatuaceae), which regularly roams round the Round House in Santa Fe. From beginning to end, we have been continuously content with the courteous collegiality among our colloquium, as well as the constant creativity of our clairvoyant and crafty colleagues. We bid you fondly farewell (for now), with wise words from the poem, "Botany", by Berton Braley:

There should be no monotony
In studying your botany;
It helps to train
And spur the brain—
Unless you haven't got any.

Botanice est Scientia Naturalis quae Vegetabilium cognitiorem tradit.

— **Linnaeus**



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