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Orthocarpus purpurascens

[Synonyms : *Castilleja purpurascens*]

OWL-CLOVER is a semi-parasitic annual. Native to south-western United States it has yellow-marked purple flowers with a white-tipped lower lip.

It is also known as *Escobita* (Spanish), Exserted Indian paintbrush, Owl flower, Owls-clover, Purple owl clover, Red owl clover, and Stinkweed.

Purpurascens is derived from Latin *purpura* (purple, purple dye) meaning ‘purplish’.

The flowers could be seen peering out of dance wreaths that were made by a branch of the North American Pomo Indian tribe for their May Strawberry Festival.

Owl clover is grazed extensively by cattle and sheep.