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Psilostrophe cooperi

[Synonyms : *Riddellia cooperi*]

YELLOW PAPER DAISY is a deciduous sub-shrub. Native to south-western North America it has small daisy-like, yellow-centred, deep yellow flowers.

It is also known as Cooper's paper daisy, Cooper's paperflower, Paper daisy, Paperflower, and White-stem paperflower.

After blooming the flowers (which fade and turn papery with age) can remain on the stems for weeks.

Warning – the plants are poisonous for livestock.

Cooperi commemorates an American surgeon and naturalist, Dr. James Graham Cooper (1830-1902) who was a member of the team on the northern of the six expeditions which made up the Pacific Railroad Surveys of 1853-1855, one of the three expeditions considered the most noteworthy with regard to the fish specimens collected. He was also on the 1861 Geological Survey of California and collected plants in the Mojave Desert. He was a member of the California Academy of Sciences. He published *The Naturalist in California*.