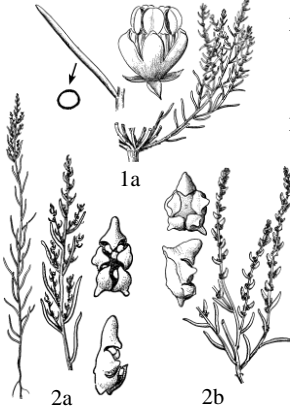


Changed order of characters and corrected morphological measurements in couplets 2a and 2b.

**Suaeda** Forsk. Seablite

Fls ♀ to ♂♀, solitary to glomerate and spicate in axils of small bracts, each gen with 2 small membranous bracteoles; perianth fleshy, lobed ca half length or more, segms erect to spreading, ± cucullate, rounded to keeled or cross-corrugate or sometimes ± horned; ann or per, glab to pubescent herbs (ours), shrubs, or trees, mostly glaucous, with alt, linear, terete or ± flattened lvs; pls gen of saline or alkaline soil, often where marshy. (Arabic *suaed*, black, Arabic name describing color of *S. vera*). (*Dondia*). *Suaeda maritima* (L.) Dumort, included in the 1st ed., occurs along the Atl but not in our area.



- 1a** Pls subshrubs to shrubs; lvs abruptly contracted to a narrow petiole, linear to narrowly lanceolate, subterete, 5–25 mm; seed vertical; sepals alike, not horned on back; pls up to 7 dm; e WA to CA, e to Alta, RMS, and Gr Pl; bushy s. (*S. diffusa*, *S. intermedia*, *S. moquinii*)  
 1 **S. nigra** (Raf.) J.F. Macbr.
- 1b** Pls ann; lvs sessile, subterete; seed horizontal; sepals unequal and ± horned on back; pls mostly < 5 dm
- 2a** Glomerules 3–7-fl'd; pls ± single-std from base, 2–8 dm, brs decumbent to ascending; bracts widest proximally to midlength, broadly lanceolate to ovate, 2–12 mm, hyaline-margined when fresh, mostly wider than the 1–4 cm long lower lvs; both sides Cas, AK to CA, e to c N Am, Hudson Bay, and n Atl; pahute weed (*S. depressa* misapplied, *S. erecta*)  
 2 **S. calceoliformis** (Hook.) Moq.
- 2b** Glomerules 1–3-fl'd; pls ± br from base, 0.5–2(–3.5) dm, brs ± spreading, the pls becoming tumbleweed-like; bracts widest at midlength, linear, 2–12 mm, not hyaline margined when fresh, gen scarcely wider than the linear, 0.5–1.5(–3) cm long lower lvs; e WA to ne CA, e to sw MT, WY, UT, and NV; slender s.  
 3 **S. occidentalis** (S. Watson) S. Watson