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Nature Flashcards

Beach and Dune Plants

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Gregg's Amaranth Josiah's Amaranth

Amaranthus Greggii



- Has a Biblical alias.
- Has dark brown seeds
- Found on dunes
- Blooms summer-fall
- Gluten free
- A real “super food”
- Is at the front of my alphabetized spices

Gulf Searocket

Cakile maritima



- Might be mistaken for succulent
- Flowers have 4 white petals and yellow center
- AKA a saltwater condiment? (4 petals)

Salt Cedar

Tamarix Ramosissima



- Migratory birds' shelter.
- Name is misleading.
- Often planted for shelter from wind and erosion.
- Invasive!!
- Not in MY "hope chest!"

Shoreline Seapurslane
Sesuvium portulacastrum



- Makes a pretty snack
- Flowers have zero petals
- Mistaken for Sedum, Crassula, or Portulaca
- Groundcover

Sargassum Seaweed
Sargassum species



- A beach nuisance
- Not a "plant" at all
- Home to crabs, shrimp and fish of same name
- Comes from an island "sea" in Atlantic

Sea-ox-eye Daisy

Borrichia frutescens



- Attracts butterflies
- Year-round bloomer
- “Here’s lookin’ at you, Big Blue.”(wink, wink)
- He loves me, he loves me not.”

Camphor Daisy

Rayjacksonia phyllocephala



- A year-round bloomer
- Mostly serrated leaf margins
- AKA Golden Aster
- Aroma like poison ivy lotion