

EARLIMART ORACHE (*ATRIPLEX ERECTICAULIS*)

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Description

Earlimart orache is an annual plant in the goosefoot family (Chenopodiaceae). It is similar in appearance to heartscale (*Atriplex cordulata*). However, Earlimart orache is more widely branching and differs in several details of the reproductive structures. In addition, Earlimart orache blooms later in the year than does heartscale, with the former flowering during August to September and the latter flowering in June and July.

Habitat

Earlimart orache grows in low-lying, sparsely-vegetated grasslands and on the mounds between vernal pools.

Range/distribution

It is restricted to Tulare, Kings, and Kern counties.

Photo: Not yet available.

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