

Zygophyllum fabago
Syrian Beancaper

Zygophyllaceae, the caltrop family
Category: **EDRR**



Diagnostic Characteristics

- Perennial; however, it may act like an annual in areas with severe winters
- Plant is bushy and branched from a woody crown; grows up to 3 feet tall and 3 feet wide
- Leaf arrangement opposite; compound leaves consist of a pair of leaflets which are thick, leathery, fleshy, smooth, and hairless
- Flowers are borne in the upper leaf axils, salmon to yellow or white with pinkish veins, and up to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch across

Background

- Native to the Mediterranean region and central Asia
- Inhabits disturbed areas, non-crop areas, rights-of-way, and abandoned gardens
- Reproduces by seed, vegetatively from lateral creeping roots, and root fragments

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