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**Scientific name:** *Polanisia dodecandra* ssp. *trachysperma*

**Common name(s):** Red-Whisker Clammyweed

**Family:** Capparaceae (Caper)

**Native:** CO, Great Plains, West

**Habitat:** Deserts, plains, sandy slopes, washes, disturbed areas, Pinyon-Juniper

Horrible common name. It should be Beeblossom. There is a strange smell from the glandular foliage if you touch it, but it does not waft on the air.

**Plant type:** Annual

**Elevation:** Native range 3500' to 6800'

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** N/A

**Exposure:** Full sun

**Soil:** Sandy

**Moisture:** Low, dry

**Flower color:** White (purplish tinge)

**Bloom time:** Mid summer to early fall

**Mature size (height x width):** 20-40" x 10-20"

**Propagation:** Late fall to winter, right before a snow, sow seeds of this annual outside where you want the plants to germinate.

