

Handbook of Indian Foods and Fibers of Arid America, pg. 523

False nightshade (*Chamaesaracha coronopus*).

Perennial herb, diffusely branched, 0.7-2 m high, with slender underground rootstocks, green but scurfy-puberulent; leaves many, lanceolate or linear, 2-6 cm long; calyx copiously stellate-puberulent, about 5 mm long in fruit; corolla greenish-white; berry almost hidden in calyx. Dry clay soil, 1,300-1,700 m, eastern San Bernardino County, California, to Utah, Kansas, Mexico.

The Hopi and Navaho ate the “berries” and seeds of the false nightshades (Hough, 1897, 1898).

Ethnobotany of the Hopi, pg. 89

Chamaesaracha coronopus (Dunal) G. Gray

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Prostrate weed in sandy areas near towns.

Use: Berries said to be used for food (Hough, 1898).

Name: From resemblance to *tumna*, wild potato (*Solanum jamesii*).