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Identification

Puncturevine grows in low-to-the-ground, dense mats about 2 to 5 feet in diameter. The stems radiate out from a central taproot. The leaves and stems have tiny hairs. The yellow flowers are about 1/2 inch wide with five petals. The seedpod is a cluster of five flat spiny burrs containing up to five seeds.

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Note: Pounds are rounded to the nearest whole number and weights must be verified by the Jordan River Commission before payment is made. Limited funds are available, and the program will be discontinued when available funds are used up or by the August 31st expiration date. Payment will be made via check. This program is supported by the State of Utah through the Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands.