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TAXONOMIC REVISION OF THE GENUS *FENDLERIA* (HYDRANGEACEAE)

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Abstract: *Fendleria* is treated as having five closely related species, four of which have been recognized by previous authors, and *F. tamaulipana* B. L. Turner, sp. nov., a newly described taxon from northeastern Mexico. Except for the latter, the species are all to some extent sympatric but their populations are relatively uniform and their diagnostic characters do not suggest that intergradation in a populational sense occurs. The taxa do not normally occur together, although they may occur in close proximity and probably do occasionally hybridize, this perhaps confounding taxonomic interpretations of the genus by previous workers. The five species recognized are: *F. rupicola*, so far as known, confined to three small populations in central Texas; *F. falcata*, occurring in northwestern Mexico and the southwestern United States; *F. wrightii*, having a distribution similar to that of the foregoing; *F. linearis* (including *F. rigida*), occurring mostly in northeastern Mexico and closely adjacent Trans-Pecos, Texas; and the newly described, *F. tamaulipana*, known by three collections from the vicinity of Miquihuana, Tamaulipas, Mexico. Distribution maps are provided for all of the species concerned.

Keywords: *Fendleria*, Hydrangeaceae.

The genus *Fendleria* was erected by Engelmänn and Gray in 1852 with the description of *F. rupicola* in *Plantae Wrightianae* from collections made by Lindheimer along the Guadalupe River in Comal County, Texas. At the same time they also recognized a var. *wrightii*, this based upon collections made by Charles Wright in western Texas. The latter was elevated to specific rank by Heller in 1895. Thornber, in 1913, added two additional species, *F. falcata* and *F. tomentosa*. The latter taxon is treated as synonymous with *F. wrightii* in the present treatment. Rehder, in 1920, added *F. linearis*, a species largely confined to Mexico, the type from near Monterrey, Nuevo Leon. Johnston, in 1941, proposed an additional Mexican species, *F. rigida*, the latter treated herein as synonymous with *F. linearis*. Four of the above proposed taxa are recognized as valid species. A fifth species, *F. tamaulipana*, is proposed in the treatment that follows.

GENERIC RELATIONSHIPS

Fendleria was initially placed in the large family Saxifragaceae but most recent workers position the genus in the Hydrangeaceae

(e.g., Soltis et al., 1995; Holmgren and Holmgren, 1997) where its relationships appears to be with or near *Philadelphus* (in my opinion, based largely upon habitat, floral and ovarian features as well as ecogeographical considerations). I hypothesize that the present day, largely xerophytic, *Fendleria* was derived from the same ancestor as members of the large, mainly mesophytic genus, *Philadelphus*, becoming progressively modified as to stamen number (reduced from numerous to a set number, mostly eight), and filament modification (from terete to flattened with extended apical appendages). Soltis et al. (1995), however, using DNA (*rbcl* sequence data), suggest that *Fendleria* and *Jamesia* are sister taxa to the rest of the 16 or more genera of the Hydrangeaceae; following *Fendleria* and *Jamesia*, they found the remaining hydrangeoids to cluster into two large subclades that closely parallel the traditional division of the family into the tribes Philadelphae and Hydrangeae.

CHROMOSOME NUMBERS

Chromosome counts are available for only a single species of *Fendleria*, this re-

ported as *F. wrightii* (Fedorov, 1969). Two counts are reported in the compendium, one by Sax in 1931, listing a count of $2n = 22$, and another by Hamel in 1953, also reporting a count of $2n = 22$. Sax (1931) provided a camera lucida drawing of metaphase meiotic chromosomes of *F. wrightii* showing $n = 11$ pairs. He also noted that the plants concerned were obtained from the grounds of the Arnold Arboretum. I have not encountered vouchers for any of these early counts.

SPECIES CONCEPTS

I am an avid proponent of the biological species concept as elucidated by Mayr (1969, 1992), Levine (1981), and numerous other workers. While some botanical workers believe that "Plant species lack reality, cohesion, independence, and simple evolutionary or ecological values" (Levin, 1979), my many years of field work has led me to the conclusion that plant species, for the most part, are very much like animal species and with appropriate field work can be recognized as populational units having morphoecogeographic integrity. Mayr (1992) applied the biological species concept to plant populations at the local flora level and concluded that the concept applied equally well to plant taxa. I concur with Mayr's assessment.

I freely admit that there are alternative ways to treat the five taxa recognized herein. For example, one might recognize two widespread species: 1) *F. rupicola*, with three varietal taxa; and 2) *F. linearis* with but two varietal taxa. I have given reasons for their treatment as biological species under the taxa concerned. For a more extended account of my views on infraspecific categories and their hierarchical ranks see Turner and Nesom (2000).

The phyletic relationships of the five taxa of *Fendlera* recognized here, as inferred from morphoecogeographical considerations, is summarized in Fig. 1. I am rea-

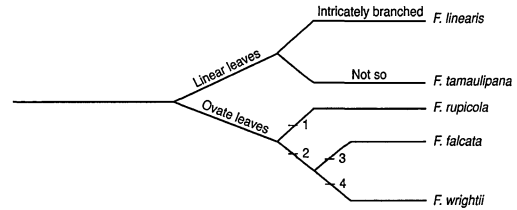


FIG. 1. Hypothetical phyletic relationships among species of *Fendlera* based upon ecomorphogeographical considerations. Numbers refer to character states as follows: 1) upper leaf surfaces glabrous; central Texas; 2) upper leaf surfaces pubescent, west of the Devil's River (Val Verde and Crockett Counties, Texas); 3) lower leaf surfaces with a single layer of vestiture; 4) lower leaf surfaces with a double layer of vestiture. Gaps between the clades represent inferred divergences.

sonably sure that these relationships will be shored up by appropriate DNA studies.

FENDLERA Engelm. & A. Gray

Much-branched, usually thorny or "spinescent" shrubs (except for *F. tamaulipana*) mostly 1–3 m high. Leaves simple, opposite, short-petiolate to nearly sessile, entire, the blades 1–3 nerved, ovate to falcate or linear, mostly 1–3(4) cm long, 1–10 mm wide, variously pubescent above and below, rarely not. Flowers showy, mostly in clusters of 2 or 3, the pedicels 2–25 mm long; hypanthium narrowly to broadly turbinate; sepals 4, deltate to narrowly triangular; petals 4, white or tinged with pink or red, clawed, the blades broadly ovate to rhombic and having erose margins; stamens mostly 8, the filaments flattened and having lateral lobes which extend beyond the anthers, the latter apically appendaged; ovary about half inferior, 4-celled; styles 4, distinct or somewhat united below. Fruit a septical capsule, the seeds relatively few in each cell (mostly 1–6). Base chromosome number, $x = 11$.

Type species, *Fendlera rupicola* Engelm. & A. Gray

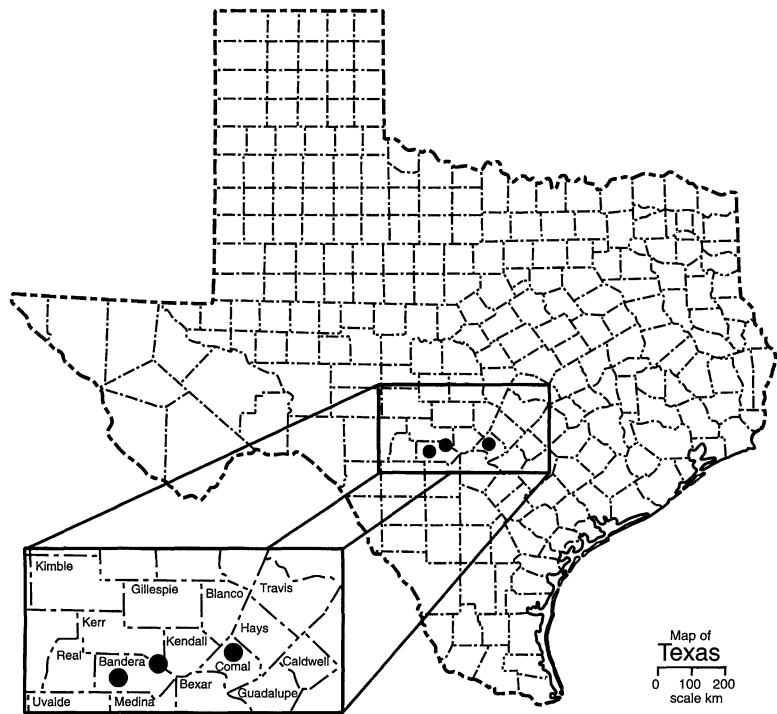


FIG. 2. Distribution of *Fendlera rupicola*.

The genus is named for Augustus Fendler (1813–1883), German-born naturalist of both North and South America, and one of the earliest plant collectors in the southwestern U.S.A. (mostly in New Mexico during the period 1846–1850).

KEY TO SPECIES

- 1. Leaves linear, 1–2 mm wide, the margins completely enrolled
 - 2. Intricately branched “spinescent” or thorny shrubs mostly 0.5–2.0 m high; leaves mostly 1.0–1.5 mm wide; northcentral Mexico and closely adjacent U.S.A 4. *F. linearis*
 - 2. Strict, sparsely branched, shrubs mostly 1.5–4.0 m high; leaves 1.5–2.0 mm wide; Tamaulipas, Mexico, vicinity of Miquihuana 5. *F. tamaulipana*
- 1. Leaves narrowly lanceolate or falcate to ovate, mostly 2–10 mm wide, the margins incompletely enrolled, if at all
 - 3. Upper surface of leaves glabrous; lower surfaces sparsely strigose; known from only three populations in Central Texas 1. *F. rupicola*

- 3. Upper surface to some extent pubescent; lower surfaces moderately to densely pubescent; widespread in the southwestern United States and northern Mexico
- 4. Undersurfaces of leaves with a single layer of coarse, appressed or ascending hairs 2. *F. falcata*
- 4. Undersurfaces of leaves with two layers of vestiture, a lower layer of minute frizzly or crinkled hairs, this overlain by a much coarser vestiture of appressed or ascending hairs 3. *F. wrightii*

1. *FENDLERIA RUPICOLA* Engelm. & A. Gray in A. Gray, Pl. Wright. 1: 77. 1852. (Fig. 2)

Fendlera rupicola var. *lindheimeri* A. Gray, Pl. Wright. 1: 77. 1852.

TYPE: United States. Texas: Comal Co., among “perpendicular rocks” along the upper Guadalupe River, ca. six miles above New Braunfels, May 1850, *F. Lindheimer* 257 (HOLOTYPE: GH!; ISOTYPES: MO!, NY!, US!).

Lindheimer apparently first collected this species (in fruit only) in May of 1850. However, it was noted that the taxon concerned flowered "in April," apparently a surmise provided by Engelmann, who transmitted the plants, since the authors note in the protologue itself that the illustration provided with the original description was comprised of fruiting material of var. *rupicola* (= var. *lindheimeri*) and flowering material of var. *wrightii*, adequate flowering material of var. *rupicola* not being available. Indeed, in the second volume of Pl. Wright. (1853, p. 61) the authors duly state that "Specimens [of var. *rupicola*] recently communicated by Lindheimer, in full flower, have their virgate branches loaded with the white blossoms, showing that the plant would be very ornamental in cultivation."

Much-branched, brittle-stemmed SHRUBS mostly (0.5)1.0–2.5(3.0) m tall; vernal LEAVES lanceolate, 1–20 mm long, 3–6 mm wide, the upper surfaces glabrous, the lower, surfaces sparsely strigose. Vernal FLOWERS as described for the genus, being mostly 4–5 cm across the extended petals.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS EXAMINED: **UNITED STATES. TEXAS: Bandera Co.:** Bandera [Bendera] Pass, Jun 1884, *Reverchon 1577* (A, NY [year given as 1885], MO); Bear Dog Ranch, near west fork of Medina River, ca. 7 mi SW of Medina, ca. 600 m, 1 Apr 1991, *Simpson & Tracy 4191* (SMU). **Comal Co.:** Comanche Spring, New Braunfels, Mar 1851, *Lindheimer 793, 794* (TEX).

As noted above, this species is very rare and is known to date by only three populations (including the type), all collected within a 30 mile radius (Fig. 2). Other than material from the type locality, which has not since been re-collected, *F. rupicola* has been obtained from only two other localities, both in Bandera County: by Julian Reverchon in 1884, at Bandera Pass, a well known, rugged locality in NE Bandera Co.,

near the Kerr Co. line; and in central Bandera Co. by the late Benny Simpson (1928–1996) in April of 1991. The latter collector was well aware of his significant find, noting on the label itself, "not collected in over 150 years," (being unaware of the aforementioned Reverchon collection).

Fendlera rupicola appears to be most closely related to *F. falcata* of far western Texas, New Mexico and closely adjacent states (Fig. 3), largely based upon their relatively large vernal flowers and sparsely to moderately pubescent leaves, shared characters that distinguish both from *F. wrightii*.

2. *FENDLERIA FALCATA* Thornber in Woot. & Standl., Contr. U.S. Natl. Herb. 16: 129. 1913. (Cover, Fig. 3)

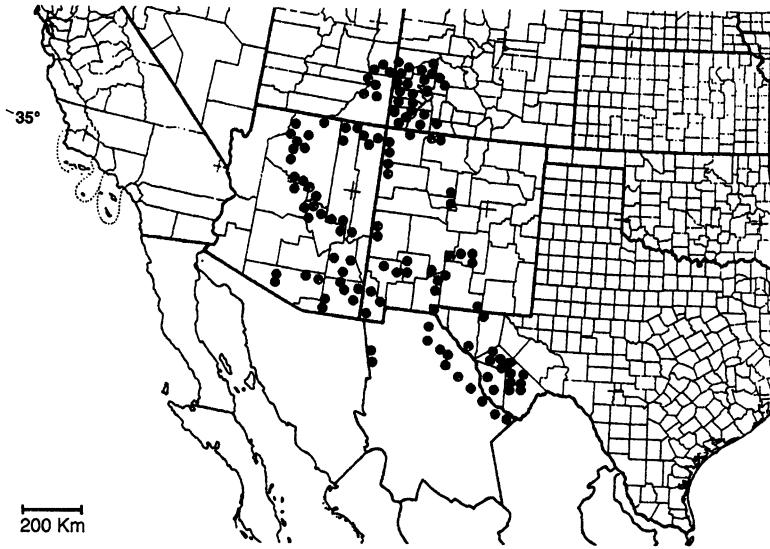
Fendlera rupicola var. *falcata* (Thornber) Rehder, J. Arnold Arb. 1: 204. 1920.

TYPE: United States. New Mexico: San Juan Co.: Navajo Indian Reservation, Tunitcha Mts., 8 Aug 1911, *P. C. Standley 7806* (HOLOTYPE: US!).

Resembling *F. rupicola*, but the leaves mostly 3–6 times as long as wide (vs 3–4), the upper surfaces to some extent pubescent (vs. glabrous), the lower surfaces mostly moderately to densely strigose (vs. sparsely strigose).

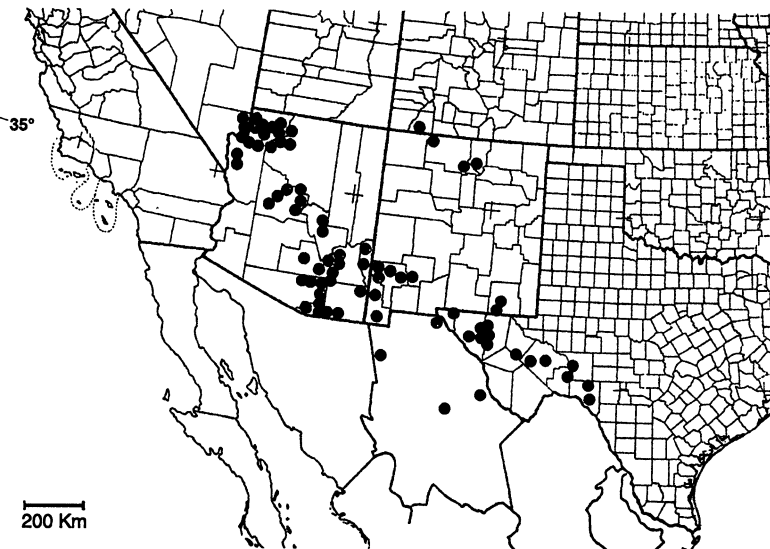
Fendlera falcata, like most of the species of its genus, is extremely variable in leaf shape and size. It is especially similar to *F. rupicola*, both sharing large vernal flowers and leaves having mostly a single layer of ascending and/or appressed hairs on the lower surfaces. Unlike *F. rupicola*, however, populations of *F. falcata* are widespread (Fig. 3), usually consisting of numerous individuals.

The latter taxon is partially sympatric with *F. wrightii* (Fig. 4), but only rarely do the plants occur together, if it all, although they may occur in close proximity. In the Trans-Pecos region of Texas populations of *F. falcata* occur at higher elevations than do those of *F. wrightii*. In the Davis Mts. of Jeff

FIG. 3. Distribution of *Fendlera falcata*.

Davis and Brewster counties *F. falcata* occurs mostly in igneous soils from 5000 to 7500 ft., whilst *F. wrightii* occurs at lower elevations in mostly rocky limestone soils from 2000 to 5000 ft. In Jeff Davis Co., numerous populations of *F. falcata* occur (LL, SRSC, TEX) but only a single population of *F. wrightii* is known, a Cory collection

(TAES) from the lower eastern slopes of the Jeff Davis Mts., presumably from limestone outcrops near the Reeves County line. Again, numerous populations of *F. falcata* occur in the Guadalupe Mountains National Park of Culberson Co., mostly at mid-elevations (6000–7500 ft), whilst only two collections of *F. wrightii* are known to occur

FIG. 4. Distribution of *Fendlera wrightii*.

in this massif, these from populations in Dog Canyon from the more northern portions of the Park, one of these reportedly at 4800 ft. (Warnock 23653, SRSC). Actually, the latter collections were presumably collected in the state of New Mexico, Dog Canyon not reaching such low levels in the Park itself. Collections of *F. falcata* have also been made in Dog Canyon, but at much higher elevations (e.g. at 6500 ft, Warnock 21712, SRSC). Indeed, in Culbertson Co. *F. wrightii* occurs in the Delaware, Eagle, Quitman, and Sierra Diablo Mts., all of these much lower than the Guadalupe and none harboring known populations of *F. falcata*.

Early on, I thought that specimens referable to *F. wrightii* might be but forms of *F. falcata* having unusually pubescent leaves, but examination of populations of both taxa in the field show these to be quite uniform as regards leaf pubescence. Thus, a population of *F. falcata* along Limpia Creek in Jeff Davis Co. (Turner 20-501, TEX) consisting of 100 or more plants along a stretch of 300 meters or more was found to be quite uniform as regards leaf pubescence. Similarly, a population of *F. wrightii* at a much lower elevation along a rocky limestone escarpment of the Pecos River in Crockett Co., Texas (Turner 20-401, TEX) was also found to be quite uniform as regards leaf pubescence.

I have not examined populations of *F. falcata* and *F. wrightii* in yet other states but I infer from the numerous collections available that the two taxa occur in a similar fashion to that found in Texas. At least I have not discerned mixed collections of the two, although they occasionally occur in close proximity, most notably in southwestern New Mexico and southeastern Arizona. Occasional plants were noted in this region which appeared to approach one or the other species, suggesting that occasional hybridization between the species may have occurred, either past or present. Such plants also occur along the highway south of Prescott, Arizona, and more notably in the

more northern border regions of Sonora and Chihuahua in northwestern Mexico; I have annotated several or more sheets in the latter region as more or less intermediates between the two species, these cited under *F. wrightii*. Whether this reflects ancestral or extant hybridization between the taxa concerned, if that, can only be surmised.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS EXAMINED: **MEXICO. CHIHUAHUA:** Mpio. Gpe. Bravos, Sierra Martin de Borracho, 15 Jun 1973, Johnston *et al.* 11342 (TEX). Mpio. Coyame, Sierra del Pulpito, 11.5 km N of Rancho La Virgin, 25 Oct 1972, Wendt *et al.* 9887c (TEX). Mpio. Madera, Chui-chupa, 4 Sep 1936, Le Sueur 656 (TEX). Mpio. Ojinaga, N face of Sierra Rica, 3 May 1973, Johnston *et al.* 10778 (TEX). Mpio. Villa Ahumada, SW slope of Sierra de la Rancheria, 29 Oct 1972, Wendt *et al.* 9959A (TEX); ca. 23 air mi ENE of Villa Ahumada, 12 Sep 1973, Henrickson 12845a (TEX).

UNITED STATES. ARIZONA. Apache Co.: 4 mi. S of Lukachukai, 18 Jul 1948, Gould & Phillips 4864 (ARIZ, TAES). **Cochise Co.:** Dos Cabezas Mts., ca. 1 mi W of Dos Cabezas along Hwy 186, then 1 mi. N to Stonymouthed Canyon, 15 Apr 1995, McGill 6123 (ARIZ, BRY, NY). **Coconino Co.:** Grand Canyon, Bright Angel Trail, 26-28 Sep 1913, Eastwood 3674 (A, ARIZ). **Gila Co.:** Barnhart Pass, Matzsalz Mts., 5 May 1935, Collom 107 (ARIZ, GH, MO, NY). **Graham Co.:** 7 mi. W of Safford, Marijlda Canyon, 6 Apr 1935, Maguire 10530 (BRY, GH, NY). **Maricopa Co.:** E of Camp Verde, roadside, 5 Feb 1964, Hodson s. n. (ARIZ). **Navajo Co.:** Black Mesa, 21 Jun 1939, Shreve 8963 (ARIZ). **Pima Co.:** Baboquivari Canyon, 5 Apr 1928, Gilman 51 (BRY, GH, NY). **Yavapai Co.:** Schnebly Hill Rd., Midway between I-10 and Sedona, 4 May 1974, Lehto 18189 (ARIZ, NY). **COLORADO. Archuleta Co.:** Dry hills along Piedra River, 9 Aug 1937, Ownbey 1420 (COLO, GH, MO, NY). **Delta Co.:** 0.25 mi. E of junction of Escalante Creek and Gunnison River, 3 May

1978, *Neese* 4394 (BRY, UTAH). **Gunnison Co.:** Black Canyon, Curecanta Res. Project, 15 Jul 1961, *Hall* 540 (BRY). **La Plata Co.:** 3 mi N of Ignacio, 29 Jun 1960, *Flowers & Hall* 160 (COLO). **Mesa Co.:** Devils Kitchen Picnic Area, 13 May 1983, *Neese* 13270 (BRY, NY). **Montezuma Co.:** Mesa Verde Natl. Park, 29 Jun 1935, *Zobel s. n.* (MO, SMU). **Montrose Co.:** Naturita, 12 May 1914, *Payson* 290, (COLO, MO). **Ouray Co.:** Ridgeway, 17 Jun 1924, *Payson & Payson* 3826 (GH, MO). **San Miguel Co.:** 7 mi. N of Placerville, 30 May 1949, *Kelly* 1527 (COLO). **NEW MEXICO. Bernalillo Co.:** Sandia Mts., Balsam Park, Jul–Aug 1914, *Ellis* 38 (MO, NY). **Catron Co.:** 5 mi. E of Glenwood and U.S. 180 near the Catwalk at mouth of White Water Canyon, 4 May 1968, *Hess & Allred* 1868 (ARIZ, UNM, NY, SMU). **Dona Ana Co.:** Organ Mts., 3 May 1903, *Wootton s. n.* (ARIZ, MO). **Grant Co.:** Bear Mt., 9 mi N of Silver City, 4 Jun 1968, *Hess* 1971 (SMU). **Lincoln Co.:** Mescalero, 15 May 1937, *Hershey* 32 (NY). **Luna Co.:** Florida Mts., 8 mi. SE of Deming, 3 May 1969, *Hess* 2492 (SMU); Florida Mts., upper south end (Windmill Canyon), 4 May 1997, *Worthington* 26447 (ARIZ). Both of the afore mentioned specimens appear to approach *F. wrightii*, the frizzly indumentum of the lower leaf surface absent or nearly so. **McKinley Co.:** Mexican Springs, 26 Jun 1935, *Babcock* 14337 (GH, TAES). **Otero Co.:** Sacramento Mts., ca. 6 mi E of Almagordo, 3 Jul 1970, *Bohrer* 1346 (ARIZ). **Rio Arriba Co.:** La Jara Mesa, Carson Natl. Forest, 25 May 1968, *Shacklette* 8313 (COLO). **San Juan Co.:** 1.5 mi N of Archeleta, 6 mi N of Navajo Dam, 15 Aug 1977, *Peabody & Sears* 1903 (BRY). **Sierra Co.:** In and around south end of Black Range, 11 Aug 1904, *Metcalfe* 1217 (GH, MO, UNM, NY). **TEXAS. Brewster Co.:** Mt. Ord, 12 mi S of Alpine, 9 Aug 1960, *Warnock* 19517 (SRSC). **Culberson Co.:** Guadalupe Mts., McKittrick Canyon, 6500 ft, 18 May 1958, *Warnock & Johnston* 16476 (SRSC). **EL PASO Co.:** Franklin Mts, 0.5 air mi SE of Anthony's Nose, 5900 ft, N facing

limestone cliffs, 30 Jun 1995, *Worthington* 24986 (SRSC). **Fort Davis Co.:** NW slopes of Timber Mt., 21 Jun 1977, *Powell* 3133 (SRSC). **Hudspeth Co.:** W slope of Eagle Mt., basaltic soil, 4000 ft, 12 Jul 1959, *Warnock et al.* 17963 (SRSC). **Presidio Co.:** Ca. 1.5 mi S of Sierra Vieja Peak, 12 Jun 1943, *Hinckley* 2740 (SRSC). **UTAH: Grand Co.:** Ca. 8 mi NE of Moab along Colorado River, 4200 ft., 28 Apr 1984, *Welsh* 22712 (NY, UTAH). **San Juan Co.:** 25 mi. NW of Monticello, 24 May 1984, *Atwood* 9770 (BRY, NY). **Wayne Co.:** Canyonlands Natl. Park, below Orange Cliffs in Elaterite Basin, 10 May 1968, *Harper s. n.* (NY, UTAH).

3. *FENDLERIA WRIGHTII* (Engelm. & A. Gray) A. Heller, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 24: 537. 1897. (Fig. 4)

Fendleria rupicola var. *wrightii* Engelm. & A. Gray in A. Gray, Pl. Wright. 1: 77. 1852. *Edwinia wrightii* (Engelm. & A. Gray) A. Heller, Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 24: 478. 1897.

TYPE: Texas. Val Verde Co.: Crevices of rocks along the San Pedro [Devil's] River, 7 Nov 1849, C. Wright 228a [field no. 1381]. (LECTOTYPE: GH!; ISOLECTOTYPES: GH!, K, NY!).

In their protologue the authors note that the taxon was collected in "July, with old fruit; and a few flowering specimens were gathered on the return in November. (Sparingly distributed as No. 228a). Fine fruiting specimens have also come to hand since our figure was made, in the collection of 1851." Clearly the description of var. *wrightii* was based upon the elements of several collections and is in need of lectotypification, as called to my attention by W. Kittridge of GH. Holmgren and Holmgren (1997), whom I initially followed, designated Wright 228a (GH) as the holotype, which I adopt here as a suitable lectotype, especially since the type locality is clearly stated.

Fendlera tomentella Thornber in Woot. & Standl., Contr. U.S. Natl. Herb. 16: 129. 1913. TYPE: Arizona. Graham Co.: Canyon of the Blue River near Coopers Ranch, 1905, *Walter Hough* 470 (HOLOTYPE: US!).

Similar to *F. rupicola* but the vernal flowers smaller; upper surfaces of the leaves pubescent (vs glabrous), the under surfaces pubescent with a double layer of hairs, an upper layer of appressed or ascending coarse hairs and a lower layer of minute frizzly hairs (vs sparsely strigose).

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS EXAMINED: **MEXICO. CHIHUAHUA:** Ca. 25 mi. S of St. Diego ranch, 1891, *Hartman* 586 (NY); Mpio. Juarez, Sierra Samalayca, 31 Mar 1985, *Worthington* 12857 (NY). **SONORA:** Sierra San Jose, 7 km. SSW of Naco, 30 Oct 1993, *Felger* 93-585 (ARIZ); Ignimbrite Canyon, 3 km. N of La Brisca, 22 Apr 1984, *Martin & Rourke s. n.* (ARIZ); Dead Bull Canyon, near Arzipe, 17 Mar 1982, *Thompson & Davis* 82-36 (ARIZ); Santa Rosa Canyon, near Bavispe, 31 Jul 1938, *White* 1530 (ARIZ); Arroya de la Galera, 27 Jul 1940, *White* 3055 (ARIZ); Sierra del Cumarito, 6 Oct 1941, *White* 4636 (ARIZ, NY); between Santa Rosa Canyon and Bavispe, 20 Jul 1938, *White* 626 (ARIZ); Rio de Bavispe, Canon del Carricito, 30 Jul 1940, *White* 3095 (ARIZ); El Rancho del Roble, NE of El Tigre, 2-13 Sep 1941, *White* 4299 (ARIZ). Most of the afore cited specimens from Sonora are more or less intermediate between *F. wrightii* and *F. falcata*, as noted under the latter.

UNITED STATES: ARIZONA. Cochise Co.: Peloncillo Mts., S of Apache, Skeleton Canyon, 12 Apr 1995, *McGill* 6088 (ASU, BRY). **Coconino Co.:** Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Area, 11 Aug 1969, *Pinkava et al.* 5851 (ASU). **Graham Co.:** 10 mi. NE of Klondyke, 17 Apr 1940, *Peebles* 14593 (ARIZ). **Greenlee Co.:** 1.3 km. S of Malpais Mt., N of Morenci, 16 Oct 1994, *Baker* 11607 (ASU). **Mohave Co.:** Ca. 30 mi S of

Mt. Trumbull Village, 12 Jun 1983, *Atwood* 94927 (ASU). **Pima Co.:** Santa Rita Mts., Stone Cabin Canyon, 14 Jul 1903, *Thornber* 289 (ARIZ, ASU, MO). **Pinal Co.:** near San Carlos Lake at Coolidge Dam, 2300 ft, 22 Mar 1968, *Barr* 68-16 (ARIZ). **Santa Cruz Co.:** Rock Corral Springs, ca 5.6 km W of I-19 on USFS Rd. 4145, *Annable* 2378 (ASU, NY). **Yavapai Co.:** Bradshaw Mts., near Walnut Grove, 6 Apr 1986, *Anderson* 86-12 (ASU); Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Area, limestone hills above Sycamore Creek, ca. 4.5 km. SW of Black Mesa, 3 May 1992, *Baker* 8979 (ASU). The latter collection approaches *F. falcata* in that the fine indumentum is essentially absent on the under surface of its leaves. **COLORADO. Delta Co.:** 0.4 mi N of Delta-Montrose Co. line, 40-100 yards W of the main road in Escalante Canyon, on edge of dry wash, 2 May 2001, *Austin* 396 (COLO). **La Plata Co.:** Rio Animas, "common at 8000 ft.," Jun 1875, *T. S. Brandegee* 4350 [1082] (GH, NY). **Montezuma Co.:** N of Far View Ruin, w/o date, *Erdman* 341 (COLO). **Montrosa Co.:** road to east Portal, Black Canyon N. P., w/o date, *Weber & Miller* 11380 (COLO). Except for that of Delta Co., locality data for the preceding counties were provided by Dr. Bill Weber; I did not personally examine the specimens concerned. **NEVADA. Clark Co.:** Bunkerville, Virgin River, 9 May 1902, *Goodding* 731 (MO). **NEW MEXICO. Eddy Co.:** Arroyo at entrance to Carlsbad Caverns Natl. Park, 26 Mar 1991, *Sutherland* 6987 (UNM). **Grant Co.:** 1.3 mi past entrance to Gila Natl. Forest on Bear Mt. Road, 28 May 1991, *Carter & George* 13 (UNM). **Hidalgo Co.:** Animas Mts., 29 mi S of Animas up Indian Creek, 7 May 1974, *Hess & Tyznik* 3257a (ARIZ, NMU, NY). **Lincoln Co.:** "Capitan," 8-19 May 1902, *Earle* 636 (NY). **Rio Arriba Co.:** Carson Natl. Forest, Canyon Bancos, ca. 14 air mi W of Dulce, 28 May 1987, *Hartman et al.* 22462 (COLO). **Taos Co.:** Pilar, state road 96N from state hwy 68, 5 Jun 1976, *Rogers* 10206 (SMU). **TEXAS. Brewster Co.:** **Crockett Co.:** Lancaster Hill, 24



FIG. 5. Distribution of *Fendlera linearis* (closed circles) and *F. tamaulipana* (open circles).

Apr 1991, *Simpson* 914243 (SMU). **Culbertson Co.:** 9 miles N of Van Horn, 24 Apr 1961, *Correll & Rollins* 23802 (NY, SMU); Guadalupe Mts. Natl. Park, West Dog Canyon, 23 May 1988, *Higgins* 17614 (BRY, NY). **El Paso Co.:** Hueco Mts., 2.5 mi E of Nations East Wall, 8 Nov. 1975 *Goldberg et al. s. n.* (ARIZ). **Hudspeth Co.:** 8 mi W of Sierra Blanca, 21 Apr 1947, *Mc Vaugh* 8039 (GH, LL, SMU, SRSC, TEX); Sierra Diablo, head of Victoria Canyon, 18 Aug 1953, *Warnock* 11503 (SRSC). **Jeff Davis Co.:** 15 mi SW of Toyahville, 2 Nov 1934, *Cory* 12068 (TAES). Plus one additional collection. **Pecos Co.:** N side of Sierra Madera, 24 mi S of Fort Stockton, 12 Apr 1947, *Warnock* 5071 (SRSC). **Val Verde Co.:** near Dolan Falls, 5 Mar 1994, *Baird* 3474 (BRY).

As discussed under *F. falcata*, populations of *F. wrightii* appear to be quite uniform as regards their distinguishing characters, and while partially sympatric the two taxa do not appear to occur together, although they may occur in close proximity, and the occasional hybrid between these might be expected.

While initially described as a variety of *F. rupicola*, Gray noted in his protologue that "[the two varieties] may belong to distinct species." Heller subsequently elevated var. *wrightii* to specific rank. Most subsequent workers have retained these as only varietally distinct, if that (e.g., Kearney and Peebles, 1951; Holmgren and Holmgren, 1997). Correll and Johnston (1970), however, maintained *F. wrightii*, as did Wootton and Standley (1915), (albeit as the newly described *F. tomentella*). The latter two workers also proposed *F. falcata*, but inexplicably maintained *F. rupicola* as distinct, distinguishing the former from the latter by its usually falcate and nearly glabrous leaves. Leaf shape and glabrouisity are very variable in *F. falcata* and I have no hesitation in placing their concept of *F. rupicola* (type materials excluded) into my concept of a widespread highly variable *F. falcata*.

4. FENDLERIA LINEARIS Rehder, J. Arnold Arb. 1: 72. 1920. (Fig. 5)

TYPE: MEXICO. NUEVO LEON: near Monterrey, 17 Jun 1889, C. G. Pringle s. n. (HOLOTYPE: A!).

Fendlera rigida I. M. Johnst., J. Arnold Arb. 22: 112. 1941. TYPE (two sheets): MEXICO. COAHUILA: Sierra de San Antonio, canyon at San Antonio de los Alamos, "common on volcanic-tuff, on slopes and on flats . . . stiff intricate bush 2–6 ft. tall," 2–3 Sep 1940, I. M. Johnston & C. H. Muller 912 (HOLOTYPE: GH!).

Intricately branched, usually "spinescent" or thorny, SHRUBS or subshrubs 0.5–2.0 m. high. LEAVES linear, mostly 20–30 mm long, 1.0–1.5 mm wide; petioles mostly 0.5–1.0 mm long; margins completely enrolled, beneath these a dense frizzly or plumose-branched tomentum not readily observed unless the margins are upraised; surfaces sparsely to moderately pubescent with coarse appressed hairs, especially along the margins; apices short-apiculate. Flowers and fruits highly variable as to size, the FLOWERS mostly 1–2 cm across the expanded petals, the CAPSULES ovate, mostly 5–6 mm wide and 6–12 mm high.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS EXAMINED: MEXICO. CHIHUAHUA: **Mpio. Aldama**, ca. 39 air miles NE of Cd. Chihuahua on E side of Sierra El Morrion near Mina la Nueva Esperanza, 10 Sep 1980, *Henrickson 18467* (TEX); Sierro de Santo Domingo, ca. Mina Plomosas, 23 Oct 1972, *Wendt et al. 9863d* (TEX). COAHUILA: **Mpio. Villa Acuna**, Sierra del Carmen, Canyon de Sentenela on Hacienda Piedra Blanca, moist stream sides, 7 Jul 1936, *Wynd & Mueller 576* (ARIZ, GH, MBG, NY, US); **Mpio. Cuatro Cienagas de Caranza**, north side of Sierra de la Madera, ca. 35 air km from Cuatro Cienagas, 4 Aug 1973, *Henrickson & Wendt 11854b* (ASU, LL, TEX). NUEVO LEON: **Mpio. Monterrey**, on top of "M" ridge near La Ventana, 7 May 1960, *Smith M165* (TEX).

UNITED STATES. TEXAS: **Brewster Co.**, Big Bend Natl. Park, upper slope of south end of Pummel Mt., 12 Nov 1967, *D. S. & Helen Correll 35394* (SRSC, TEX); igneous crevices of Agua Frio Mt., 31 Jul

1949, *Turner 1320* (SMU, SRSC). **Presidio Co.**, Big Bend Ranch, along the Right Hand Shut-up, 7 Jun 1975, *Powell 2813* (SRSC, TEX).

This is a very distinct taxon and is well represented by numerous collections from northern Mexico on file at LL, TEX. Johnston's *F. rigida* was thought to differ from the earlier *F. linearis* in being more rigidly spinescent and possessed with shorter leaves, but a wide range of variation is found in these characters throughout the distribution of *F. linearis* (as well noted by *Henrickson* in his forth-coming *Flora of the Chihuahuan Desert*, in prep.).

5. *Fendlera tamaulipana* B. L. Turner, sp. nov. (Fig. 5)

Similis *F. linearis* Rehder sed altior, dendroidior, et non intricate ramosa, foliis leniter brevioribus et latioribus, petiolis habentibus callos auctos et bruneolus basibus.

Sparsely branched erect SHRUBS 1.5–4.0 m high, not at all intricately branched and/or spinulose. LEAVES mostly 10–15 mm long, 1.5–2.0 mm. wide; petioles ca. 2 mm long, having a swollen cartilaginous, glabrous or sparsely pubescent base; blades with markedly enrolled margins, sparsely to moderately pubescent on the upper surfaces, especially along the margins, the apices short-apiculate. FLOWERS sessile or nearly so, 1.5–2.0 cm across the extended petals; calyces with 4 valvate sepals, ca. 7 mm long, their lobes 4–5 mm long, 3–4 mm wide, pubescent within and without by a vestiture of minute dendritic hairs, these overlain on the outer surfaces by an array of much coarser appressed hairs; petals white, 10–12 mm long, 8–9 mm wide, the claws ca. 4 mm long; stamens 8, 7–9 mm high; anthers 2.5–3.0 mm long. CAPSULES ovate, 4-carpellate, ca. 10 mm high, 6 mm wide, the calyces fused to its base for ca. 3 mm; seeds 1 or 2 per carpel, 3–4 mm long, ca. 0.6 mm wide.

TYPE: MEXICO. TAMAULIPAS: Ca.

46 km. WNW of Jaumave, 6.5 road km W of Miquihuana on road to La Perdida, along large limestone arroyo, ca. 1850 m [ca. 23 32 N, 99 50 W], 8 Oct 1982, *James Henrickson 19133* (HOLOTYPE: TEX).

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS EXAMINED: **MEXICO. TAMAULIPAS:** ca. 52 air km WNW of Jaumave, ca. 10 km NW of Miquihuana, 8–10 km N of La Perdida on limestone west-facing slopes along high road to Marcela, 8 Oct 1982, *Henrickson 19151* (TEX); ca. 9 air mi NW of Miquihuana, 3 mi N of Servando Canales in limestone canyon on the way to Valle Hermosa, 9 Sep 1999, *Henrickson 22452* (TEX).

When first examined I was inclined to treat this taxon as a varietal element of *F. linearis*, to which it is certainly related. Its habit differs markedly from that species, however, as aptly noted by Henrickson in collection data. The type label describes the plants concerned as “Woody shrubs to 12 ft tall.” The two additional collections are described as strict erect, sparsely branched, shrubs, which appears to be the case judging from the relatively elongate internodes and strictly ascending secondary branches of the specimens concerned. In contrast, *F. linearis* is a very intricately branched usually spinescent shrub 1–2 m high. Additionally, the leaves of *F. tamaulipana* are somewhat shorter and broader, the petioles of which have enlarged callosities at their bases. These characters, along with its restricted distribution, suggest that it is deserving of specific recognition. Indeed, it is as distinct from *F. linearis* as *F. rupicola* is from *F. fallcata*, if not more so.

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