

LOASACEAE – LOASA FAMILY

Plant: herbs, some shrubs and trees

Stem:

Root:

Leaves: mostly simple, alternate or opposite, petiolate or sessile; stipules mostly absent

Flowers: perfect; usually in cymes, 4-7 but mostly 5 sepals and 5 petals, cyclic, petals clawed or sessile; 5 to many stamens; ovary inferior to partly inferior

Fruit: a capsule or nut

Other: ; Dicotyledons Group

Genera: 14+ genera; 250+ species, locally *mentzelia*

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Chickenthief [Stick Leaf]; *Mentzelia oligosperma* Nutt. ex Sims

Chickenthief

[Stick Leaf]



Mentzelia oligosperma Nutt.
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Loasaceae (Loasa Family)

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Area, Taney and Stone County, Missouri

Notes: 5-petaled flower, yellow, with
reddish veins, sepals pointed and very
sticky hairy; leaves alternate, triangular to
lanceolate, coarsely toothed, very sticky
hairy above and below; stem straw to light
brown, with sticky hairs; plant somewhat
erect to sprawling; glades and rocky
areas; late spring to summer

[V Max Brown, 2010]

