Desmanthus illinoensis

Illinois bundleflower

- **Native plant:** Deep rooted perennial legume. Pea family.
- **Pollinators:** Butterflies.
- **Bloom period:** Oklahoma: June - July
- **Exposure/soil:** Various, but not coarse sands or dense clays.
- **Environment/range:** Found throughout the prairie regions of the United States, in open, wooded slopes, rocky prairies, stream banks, roadsides; drought-tolerant.
- **Value to Livestock:** The plant itself can grow up to three feet tall and is eaten by livestock. It decreases under heavy grazing and is considered an important indicator of range conditions.
- **Propagation:** Scarify and inoculate.

Impressions: *Illinois bundleflower is an important plant for wildlife and livestock in the prairie system. An interesting aspect of this plant are its flowers. While small, the flowers develop into waferlike seedpods, which twist into a curled mass as they dry. At first glance, the mass of seed pods looks like a flower structure instead of individual seedpods. Seeds are desirable for wild birds. The plant is considered a nutritious and palatable browse for wildlife.*

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