Castilleja exserta Purple Owlsclover

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To 14" high.
Hemiparasitic, getting nutrients from roots of other plants.
Leaves much reduced.
Purple flowers in inflorescence -March - June.

Native habitat: coastal sage scrub, chaparral, Southwestern United States - below 5900.'

Full sun. Grows in most soils. Needs little water.

Eye-catching when in dense patch. Host for Bay Checkerspot butterfly.









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