

## 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; 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]

