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In 1982 Johnston described *Bouteloua rigidiseta* (Steud.) Hitchc. var. *chihuahuana* from material he and others gathered from the northern end of Sierra de Las Pampas, near Ciudad Camargo, Chihuahua, México (*Chiang et al.* 8811; holotype: LL; isotypes: CAS!, MEXU, NY!). Other collections made since that publication are *Allred* 5820 (ANSM, NMCR, RSA) and *Columbus* 2289 (RSA and to be distributed), both from the type locality. My research has shown that this taxon is not closely related to *B. rigidiseta* var. *rigidiseta* and merits recognition as a distinct species:

Bouteloua chihuahuana (M. C. Johnst.)

J. T. Columbus, stat. et comb. nov.

Basionym: *Bouteloua rigidiseta* (Steud.) Hitchc. var. *chihuahuana*
M. C. Johnst. *Southw. Naturalist* 27: 29. 19 Feb 1982.

Bouteloua chihuahuana differs from *B. rigidiseta* in many characters, including vegetative, inflorescence, and spikelet. Its closest relatives appear to be *B. chondrosioides* (Kunth) Benth. ex S. Watson, *B. eludens* Griffiths, and *B. johnstonii* Swallen. A complete account, including micromorphology and anatomy, of *B. chihuahuana* and close relatives is forthcoming.