MONOTROPACEAE (ERICACEAE)
Pterospora andromedea Nutt.
Ptan

pinedrops

FORM: Perennial, sticky-glandular, parasitic forb, 3-10dm (1-3ft) tall.

STEMS: Tall, reddish-yellow aging to reddish-brown, unbranched, glandular-hairy; dried stalks persistent for one or more years.

LEAVES: Alternate scalelike, lanceolate to linear-lanceolate reddish-brown bracts.

FLOWERS: Pale yellow, urn-shaped, each flower on short, recurved pedicel in elongate terminal raceme, 1-5dm (4-20in) long; June-Aug.

FRUIT: Depressed-globose, reddish-brown capsule, 8-12mm broad.

HABITAT: Deep humus in coniferous forests.