

**Black Sagebrush Dwarf Shrubland (Map Code 22)**



*Location:* Only one stand of *Artemisia nova* Dwarf Shrubland is present within the Refuge, at the junction of Leota Bottom Overlook and Johnson Bottom Overlook roads. This stand occupies the ridgeline and mesa edge, extending northeastward approximately half the distance up the Leota Bottom Overlook Road and just a short distance up the Johnson Bottom Overlook Road. A small patch of *Artemisia nova* is also present on the mesa edge approximately 200 m northwest of the Johnson Bottom Overlook parking area.

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*Signature:* Black sagebrush at Ouray NWR exhibited a very similar photo signature to other xeric, dwarf (*i.e.* low-growing) shrublands. It typically appeared as blue or gray with a sparse scattering of dark red bumps corresponding to individual shrubs. This type was mapped in large part through ground verification based on its limited size and distribution.

