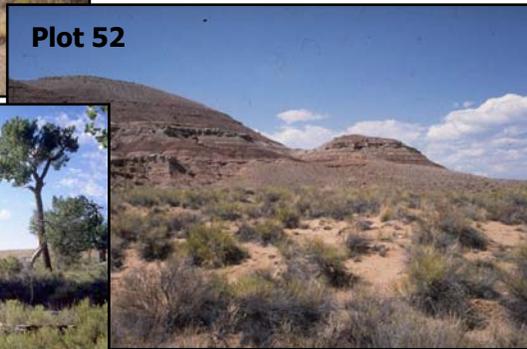


**Rubber Rabbitbrush Sand Deposit Sparse Vegetation (Map Code 15)**



*Location:* *Ericameria nauseosus* Sand Deposit Sparse Vegetation occupies sand dunes and deep, sandy soils within the Refuge. These sites typically occur on the knolls or mid-slopes below bluffs where wind-blown sand (eolian deposits) collects and forms dunes. *Ericameria nauseosus* also occupies deep sandy deposits on more



even terrain on the west side of the Refuge, but here it often does not supply sufficient foliar cover to be considered a shrubland type.



*Signature:* This type has a slightly more reddish signature than similar floodplain shrubs. Due to the sparse vegetation in the interstitial spaces the background color is a white to

blue. Considerable field verification for this type was used to accurately delineate between similar types.

