



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Big Sage Brush or Chamizo Blanco *Artemisia tridentata*

DESCRIPTION: This plant is an indicator of the high deserts of northern Arizona and the Great Basin. It is an evergreen broadleaf shrub, growing slowly to 4'-8' tall and equal spread. Flowers are insignificant, but the aromatic foliage was used as incense in Native American ceremonies.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use for the foliage color, as a screen or barrier, or in an enhanced desert garden. Also good to use where foliage will be brushed against to release the aroma.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Big Sage Brush is quite hardy, and can take temperatures down to 0°F.



Sun tolerance: Plant in full sun.



Watering and feeding: Water weekly to establish. Once established, it will take minimal water.



Soil requirements: Most soils that drain will do.



Pruning: Prune minimally to shape, but consideration of ultimate size when planting to eliminate that need and make for a better looking plant.