

Cercocarpus montanus

Birchleaf/True Mountain Mahogany



Plant type: Shrub, small tree
Season of Interest: Spring to fall
Height: 5-8'+ **Spread:** 4-6'
Water needs: Low, xeric
Native Region: CO, AZ, KS, NE, NM, OK, TX, UT, WY
Elevation: to 9,500'
Important to know: Host plant for western sheep moth



Maintenance: Low
Characteristics: Evergreen. Feathery spiral styles on seeds make this a showy fall shrub.
Garden Uses: Banks/slopes, hedges
Habitat: Foothills, shrublands, open woods, dry slopes



Ease of Propagation: Easy

Propagation: Deplume the seeds and store dry at 40°F. Soak the seeds in water for 30 minutes. Cold stratify for 1 month. Sow at 70°F and cover the seeds lightly. First leaves appear 17 days after sowing. Seeds could probably be soaked, sown and covered lightly in situ about a month before the last frost date.