

Chamaebatiaria millefolium Fernbush, Desert Sweet



Plant type:	Semi-evergreen shrub (may reseed)
Season of Interest:	Mid-summer
Height:	3-6' Spread: 3-6'
Water needs:	Moderate to xeric
Native Region:	AZ, UT
Elevation:	to 7,000'; cultivated to 7,500'
Important to know:	Attractive winter seed heads and habit. A tough, adaptive western native. Can be pruned to put out more growth.



Maintenance:	Shape/Shear 2"- 6" off all branch tips every early spring into a nice round mound. This will promote a great branching structure for a nice dense shrub, while deadheading each year. Leave the short branch tips on the ground as "mulch".
Characteristics:	Fragrant, semi-evergreen
Garden Uses:	Beds/borders
Habitat:	Foothills, rocky basins, scrublands, open woods

Ease of Propagation: Medium

Propagation: Sow outside in fall or early winter. Cover seeds lightly. Fresh seeds are non-dormant, whereas stored seeds require 1 to 3 months of chilling to overcome dormancy. The optimum temperature range for germination of southwestern populations is 65-80°F. With fresh seeds, stratification is okay, but reduces the germination rate.

