

Ephedra viridis

Mormon Tea/Jointfir



Plant type:

Semi-evergreen perennial shrub

Season of Interest:

Late spring to early summer

Height: 1-5'

Spread: 3'-5'

Water needs:

Low

Native Region:

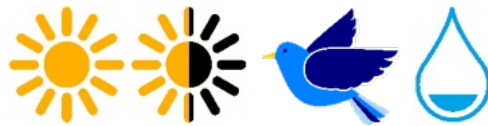
CO, AZ, NM, UT, WY

Elevation:

to 7,500'

Important to know:

Dioecious. (Two plants of different genders are needed to make fertile seed.) Association to Mormon settlers who brewed tea from stems.



Maintenance: Low

Garden Uses: Rock gardens and slopes

Habitat: Dry, rocky or sandy slopes.



Male Floral Parts



Female Cones



Ephedra viridis Photo Credit: wildflowersearch.org

Ease of Propagation: Easy

Propagation: Sow in well-draining soil, C, 40(1m) outside. Germinate (radicles) in 19 days. Leaves emerge in another 29 days. Bump up as early as a week after leaves appear.