



# UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

## Whitestem Rubber Rabbitbrush (*Chrysothamnus nauseosus hololeucus*)



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**Zone:** 3-6

**Color:** Yellow

**Bloom Time:** Late summer

**Plant Type:** Perennial shrub

**Mature Height:** 2-4' tall

**Mature Spread:** 2-4' wide

**Water Use:** Very low, low

**Soil Type:** Dry to medium well-drained soils.

**Range and Native Habitat:** The Whitestem Rubber Rabbitbrush grows throughout the western United States and into Canada in many plant communities including arid rangelands to montane openings.

**Suggested Maintenance:** Prune the shrubs in mid-spring to remove winter-killed branches and to shape them for summer growth.

**Other:** This species is host to a number of butterflies and moths including the northern checkerspot and sagebrush girdle moth. For pollinators, it is valued as a late season bloomer when most other plants are no longer flowering. Native Americans used rabbitbrush as a yellow dye, medicinal tea, and as chewing gum. It is very drought tolerant and does not need irrigation once established.

### Wildlife Supported



### Distribution Map



### Landscaping Information



**Sun**  
Full sun



**Water Needs**  
Very low, low



**Summer Irrigation**  
Max 1x / month once established



**Soil Drainage**  
Fast



**Propagation**  
By seed in spring or fall and propagation of root sprouts