



# UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

## Desert Fernbush (*Chamaebatiaria millefolium*)



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**Zone:** 4-9

**Color:** White

**Bloom Time:** July to August

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Mature Height:** 4-6' tall

**Mature Spread:** 4' wide

**Water Use:** Low water

**Soil Type:** Sandy, loamy, or clay soils

**Range and Native Habitat:** The Desert Fernbush is native to the western United states, often inhabiting dry, rocky, mountain slopes.

**Suggested Maintenance:** Spring and summer pruning of interior branches or excess foliage is recommended to improve form. This plant may benefit from a deep irrigation during the summer and a small amount of nitrogen fertilizer, but treatments are seldomly required.

**Other:** Desert Fernbush is a drought tolerant plant that is easy to grow and fragrant. With this plant in your garden you might find native pollinator Nuttall's Sheep Moth

(a large day flying moth) or its eggs laid in rings around plant stems.

### Distribution Map



### Wildlife Supported



### Landscaping Information



**Sun**  
Full sun–  
Part shade



**Water Needs**  
Very low



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



**Soil Drainage**  
Fast



**Propagation**  
By seed, 3-4 weeks  
cold stratification