



UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Alderleaf Mountain Mahogany (*Cercocarpus montanus*)



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Zone: 3-6

Color: White

Bloom Time: April-June

Plant Type: Perennial shrub

Mature Height: 8-15 ' tall

Mature Spread: 4-8 ' wide

Water Use: Low water

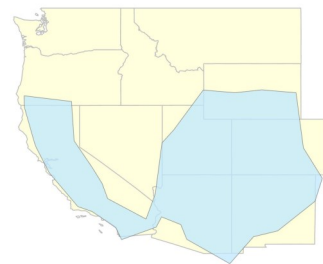
Soil Type: Does well in various soil types with good drainage.

Range and Native Habitat: Alderleaf Mountain Mahogany is found across the western states spanning from Oregon to Montana and South Dakota, and extending southwards into Mexico. It grows on rocky hillsides, cliffs, open woods, and mesas. It grows among sagebrush, grassland, pinyon-juniper, aspen, and mixed conifer communities. It typically grows at elevations of 4600 to 9200 feet.

Suggested Maintenance: Prune to desired shape. It can be high-headed into a tree form or kept in shrub form with multiple stems.

Other: Alderleaf Mountain Mahogany offers benefits to native pollinators, notably serving as a food source for the Western sheepmoth. Additionally, this plant has been a valuable resource for indigenous peoples. For instance, Navajo tribes utilized the wood for crafting items, like handles of weaving distaffs, dice, and the construction of sweathouses for ceremonial purposes.

Distribution Map



Wildlife Supported



Landscaping Information



Sun
Full sun



Water Needs
Low



Summer Irrigation
Max 1x / month once established



Soil Drainage
Fast, Medium



Propagation
By seed