

Botanical Name: *Ambrosia deltoidea*

Common Name: Triangle Leaf Bursage



Family: Asteraceae

Habitat: Sandy plains, bajadas, hillsides, grasslands

Native Distribution: S Arizona, NW Mexico

Elevation: Up to 3,000 ft

Hardiness: 20°F

Type: Evergreen

Size: 2' tall x 2' wide

Shape: Mounding

Growth Rate: Moderate

Flowers: Inconspicuous yellowish-green flowers

Bloom Season: Winter to early spring

Fruit: Pea-sized fruits with hooked spines

Foliage: 1" triangular grayish-green leaves with fuzzy underside

Exposure: Full to reflected sun

Shade: Filtered

Water Requirements: Low

In the Landscape: Can be used as a groundcover or in natural desert landscapes to offset the sharpness of cactus. Often used in Phoenix medians and parking lots. Little to no maintenance or litter.

Wildlife: N/A

Other Stuff:

- Acts as a “nurse” plant to nurse desert seedlings (Palo Verde, cacti, etc) until they’re big enough to survive on their own.
- Can be allergenic (pollen) to some people, and is related to Ragweed.
- Fairly short life-span (50 years) for a desert plant.
- Has a long taproot with a complex network of lateral roots, allowing it to survive for long periods of time without water (will look better with supplemental water, however).