

**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).