

Botanical Name: *Cordia parvifolia*

Common Name: Littleleaf Cordia



Family: Boraginaceae

Native Distribution: Chihuahua desert into Baja California, Sonora, and other parts of Mexico

Plant Size: 4-8' tall, 4-10' wide evergreen or herbaceous perennial

Flowers: 1.5" white flowers in clusters from spring and again in late fall with rainfall

Foliage: Gray-green leaves with a serrate edge, up to about 1" long and ½" wide

Site Preferences: Reflected sun to partial shade

Landscape Uses: Use as informal hedge, screen, or as a flowering accent.

Other Stuff:

- Can lose its leaves in response to drought or severe frost stress.
- Water every 1-2 months for established plant, more often when young.
- Tolerates most soils with good drainage.
- Low maintenance, selectively head back largest branches to encourage denser growth.
- Best to plant it in the fall.
- For a solid border or low hedge, plant it 8-9' apart.
- Contrasts well with other shrubs with lighter foliage.