

Botanical Name: *Fallugia paradoxa*

Common Name: Apache Plume



Family: Rosaceae

Habitat: Sandy slopes, washes and chaparral areas

Native Distribution: SW U.S. and Northern Mexico

Elevation: 3,000 to 8,000 ft

Hardiness: -20°F

Type: Evergreen

Size: 6' tall x 4' wide

Shape: Upright, open and airy

Growth Rate: Fast

Flowers: Five-petaled white flowers

Bloom Season: White blooms occur in spring, followed by pink feathery plumes into the fall

Fruit: Numerous fruits in each head with 1-2" long pink feathery plumes at the tip of each fruit

Foliage: Alternate 1/2" dark green leaves with silver on the underside

Exposure: Full sun

Shade: Filtered

Water Requirements: Low

In the Landscape: *Fallugia paradoxa* works well in Phoenix xeriscapes as an accent plant, for erosion control and in medians and parking lots. In the summer, Apache Plumes in our desert gardens benefit from some afternoon shade and supplemental water. Very little maintenance.

Wildlife: Attracts birds and small mammals, and is often grazed by livestock.

Other Stuff:

- Cut *Fallugia paradoxa* back in the winter to encourage growth, if desired.
- Give Apache Plume supplemental water during the hottest, driest months (April – July).
- Some Native Americans make Apache Plume brooms which are kept inside homes in the belief that it has a positive spiritual effect.
- The leaves and flowers of Apache Plume have also been used by some Native Americans to stimulate hair growth and prevent stomach gas.