



## Ambrosia deltoidea Triangleleaf Bursage

This low desert dweller is native to southern Arizona and south into Sonora and Baja California, Mexico. Commonly found on flat ground and hillsides at elevations of 1000 to 3000 feet, this plant often functions as a nurse plant to the seedlings of many native plants. Triangleleaf bursage is evergreen, creating a small rounded shrub to 1 ½ feet tall by 2 feet wide. The gray-green leaves are 1" long by ½" wide and roughly triangular in shape. The leaf margins are occasionally smooth but are more commonly toothed. The flowers are insignificant, and are followed by small burs, which are covered with hooked spines that can be somewhat of a nuisance. Triangleleaf bursage is capable of surviving with minimal irrigation, although it will look better if provided periodic irrigation during the summer months. In most cultivated landscapes this plant tends to be short-lived, although it will reseed. This cousin of common ragweed may cause allergic reactions with some people.

### AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (H X W)	1 1/2 feet x 2 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Yellow-green
FLOWER SEASON	December - April
EXPOSURE	Full sun, part shade
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Moderate
HARDINESS	20° F, Zone 9
PRUNING	None



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