



Atriplex canescens Four Wing Saltbush

This prolific plant is native to most of the arid west, ranging from Canada to Mexico, and at elevations from sea level to 8000 feet. This fast-growing and long-lived shrub has a naturally dense, rounded form. Four wing saltbush is evergreen, with narrow grey-green leaves. Male and female flowers, both inconspicuous, are produced on different plants. The female plants produce papery-thin, 4-winged fruit. These unique fruit are initially a wonderful char-treuse color, eventually drying to brown. The seeds are a favorite source of food for birds and small mammals. Four wing saltbush is very easy to grow, and is often one of the first plants to establish in disturbed areas. It thrives in full sun in both high and low deserts. In addition to providing food and shelter for wildlife, four wing saltbush is useful for erosion control. Of course, it is also extremely tolerant of saline soils.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	3 - 6 ft X 4 - 8 ft
FLOWER COLOR	Green
FLOWER SEASON	Spring to summer
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	-30° F, USDA Zone 4
PRUNING	To shape



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