



## Cercocarpus ledifolius Curl Leaf Mountain Mahogany

This upright, slow-growing, evergreen shrub or small tree is native to the Southwestern U.S., occurring on arid, rocky slopes from 5000 to 10,000 feet. Mature plants grow to 15-18 feet, developing twisting branches, with interesting fissures in the smooth grey bark. Small leathery leaves are dark green on top, with hairy white undersides, and the leaf edges curl under. The foliage is resinous and aromatic. Masses of creamy yellow flowers in the spring are followed by silver corkscrews in the fall. Each seed is attached to one of these fuzzy tails, and the bush glows when backlit by the sun. It provides good shelter and food for birds and other wildlife. Plant in full sun and well drained soils. It is extremely drought tolerant. Hardy to -30° F. USDA Zone 4.

### AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (H X W)	15-18 feet x 15 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Creamy yellow
<b>FLOWERING</b>	Spring
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Moderately slow
HARDINESS	-30° F, USDA Zone 4
PRUNING	Prune only if needed to control size



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