

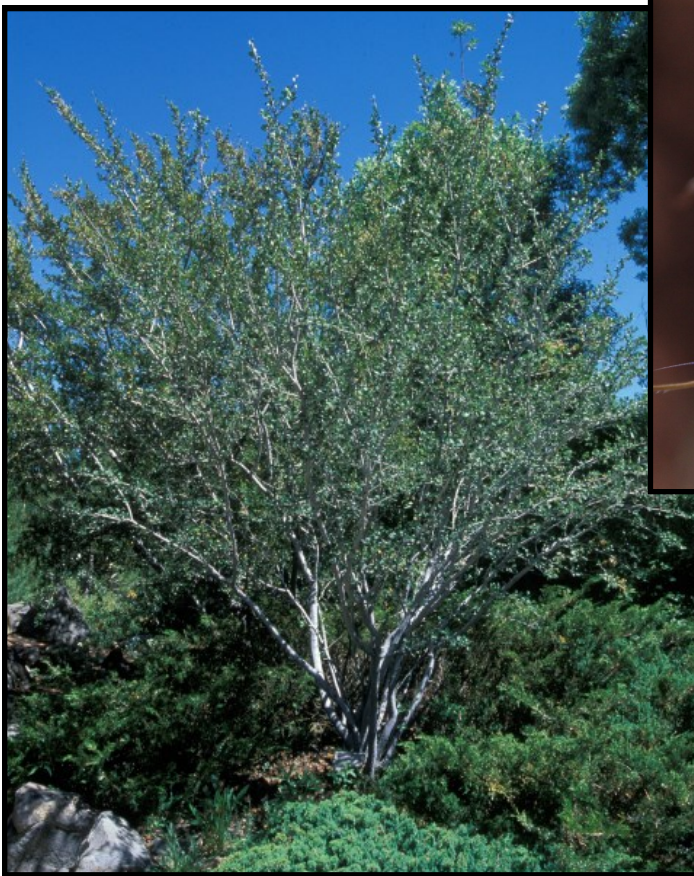


## Cercocarpus montanus Mountain Mahogany

This large, upright evergreen shrub is native to the western U.S. and Mexico, occurring on dry slopes and mesas from 3000 to 9500 feet. It grows slowly to about 15 feet tall by 8 feet wide. It has leathery, aromatic oval leaves and distinctive shaggy red bark. Long-lived and slow growing, it develops very hard wood that Native Americans used for various tools and weapons. Inconspicuous creamy white flowers in the spring are followed by feathery corkscrew-shaped fruit in the fall and winter. Provide good drainage, and be careful not to overwater. Hardy to  $-30^{\circ}$  F. USDA Zone 4.

### AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (H X W)	15 feet x 8 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Creamy white
FLOWERING TIME	Spring
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Slow
HARDINESS	$-30^{\circ}$ F, USDA Zone 4
PRUNING	Prune only if needed to control size



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