



Ericameria laricifolia 'Desert Mountain'

Long-lived, compact, evergreen, and tolerant of extreme heat and cold, turpentine bush is one of the shining stars for higher elevations. Turpentine bush is native to the southwestern U.S. and northern Mexico, at elevations from 2500 to 6000 feet. 'Desert Mountain' was collected from native plants up in the Carefree area just north of Phoenix. It has a rounded, compact form to 2-3 feet tall and wide. The aromatic, bright green needlelike leaves are covered with a sticky resin that smells like turpentine. Masses of showy yellow daisy-like flowers are produced at the branch tips in the fall. The flowers are followed by scruffy-looking tan seed heads, which can be pruned off for a more refined appearance. Plants can also be pruned back periodically to maintain a dense, tight form. Turpentine bush prefers full sun and well-drained soil.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (H X W)	2-3 feet x 2-3 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Bright yellow
FLOWERING TIME	Fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun, reflected heat
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Slow to moderate
HARDINESS	-10° F, USDA Zone 6
PRUNING	Tip prune after flowering



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