



## Ericameria nauseosa v. speciosa Rabbitbrush, Whitestem Chamisa

**(Synonym: *Chrysothamnus nauseosus*)**

Rabbitbrush occurs over a wide area of the western U.S., and reaches into Canada and Mexico, at elevations from 2000 to 8000 feet. In the low deserts, it goes semi-dormant in the summer months. A naturally rounded form, attractive foliage, and splashy fall flower display combine to make this durable native an appealing ornamental. Rabbitbrush is semi-evergreen, with aromatic narrow, grey-green leaves. The stems are covered in white woolly hairs, lending the shrub a silvery appearance. The size is variable, depending on available moisture. Irrigation will encourage a larger, leggier form. It can be invasive if heavily irrigated. To encourage a denser form, plant in full sun, prune hard in late spring, water sparingly, and don't use fertilizer!

### AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (H X W)	4-6 feet x 4-6 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Yellow
FLOWER SEASON	Fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Moderate to fast
HARDINESS	-30° F, USDA Zone 4
PRUNING	To rejuvenate in spring



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