



## Purshia mexicana (Cowania mexicana) Cliff Rose

This evergreen member of the rose family bears a strong resemblance to Apache plume (*Fallugia paradoxa*) but becomes more treelike. As it matures, it develops a unique, irregular, twisted form. Although it has the potential to grow to 15 feet tall, it is quite slow growing, and most plants are only 5 to 6 feet tall. The small leaves are dark green above and woolly white below. They have tiny red glandular dots, unlike those of Apache plume. Fragrant creamy yellow flowers cover the shrub in spring and summer. In the fall, fruit with long feathery plumes glow when backlit by the sun. Cliff rose is very long-lived and drought tolerant, but demands well-drained soil. Native on dry slopes of the southwestern U.S. at elevations from 3000 to 8000 feet, it is very useful as a landscape plant in high desert regions. Cliff Rose is hardy to -20° F. USDA Zone 5.

### AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (H X W)	6 feet x 6 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Creamy yellow
FLOWERING TIME	Spring and summer
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Slow
HARDINESS	-20° F, USDA Zone 5
PRUNING	Prune only if needed to control size



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