

Curl-leaf Mountain Mahogany

Cercocarpus ledifolus

Height: 8'-15'
Width: 6'-8'
(At Maturity)
Growth Rate Slow
USDA Zone: 3-8
Bloom: Inconspicuous
Time: May/July
Sun: Full /Partial
Water: Very Low



This large evergreen shrub is an excellent choice for any low water-use garden. It can be used as a tough screen plant or individually as an accent plant. Its white bark is a nice backdrop to its dark green leaves. With age it can become gnarly and quite intriguing in form. It takes many years before this shrub produces seeds, ten to fifteen years. The seeds form a twisted feathery plume which can be up to 2" in length and can give the shrub a fuzzy appearance.

In its native habitat Mountain Mahogany is found in dry hills and rocky slopes throughout the west. It tolerates poor alkaline soils and is extremely drought tolerant.