



ERICAMERIA NAUSEOSA VAR. SPECIOSUS
(**CHRYSOTHAMNUS NAUSEOSUS VAR. ALBICAULIS**)
WHITESTEM CHAMISA, RABBITBRUSH

Rabbitbrush brings images of Santa Fe and Albuquerque immediately to mind. Many designers there use this large showy shrub as a staple in native landscapes. Rabbitbrush occurs over a wide area of the western U.S., and reaches into Canada and Mexico, at elevations from 2000 to 8000 feet. It prefers the cooler nights of higher elevations. 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. This plant reaches a size of 4 to 6 feet tall and wide, largely depending on available moisture. Irrigation will encourage a larger, leggier form. In the fall, it produces masses of fluffy golden flowers, followed by tan seeds. Rabbitbrush can be invasive, so be careful not to use it in heavily irrigated areas. To encourage a denser form, plant in full sun, prune hard in late spring, water sparingly, and don't use fertilizer! USDA Zone 4.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	4-6 feet x 4-6 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Golden yellow
FLOWER SEASON	Fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Slow to moderate
HARDINESS	-30° F, USDA Zone 4
PRUNING	Cut back in late spring



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