

Apache Plume in the Landscape

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Fallugia paradoxa

Apache Plume



Description: Probably the most distinguishing and attractive feature of the Apache Plume is the feathery, red-pink seed heads that come on the plant after flowering. These seed heads can remain all season long. A close relative of Cliffrose, both plants bear similar, deeply lobed small leaves. A dioecious plant which requires both male and female plants to produce viable seed.

Cultural Requirements:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Native habitat | Occurs throughout the intermountain west. Elevation: 3,500 - 8,000ft. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soil | well drained, tolerates poor soil conditions, Prefers gravelly conditions. Likes dry slopes and washes. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cold Tolerance• Drought Tolerance | Zones 3-10 High, can survive in most conditions with no supplemental water |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Salt Tolerance• Sun/Shade Preference• Transplanting | Medium to high full sun Transplants seedlings. Mature |

- Propagation
- Maintenance
- Pest problems

plants are more difficult, due to tap root
 Seed, transplant seedlings.
 Prune in winter, tolerates shearing
 Browsed by deer.

Landscape Value:

- Use in the Landscape
- Foliage
- Inflorescence

Specimen, Background, dry spots, soil stabilization, wildlife protection
 Fine textured, 3-5 lobed one half inch in length
 Showy, white with yellow centers

| | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct |
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| • Color | | | | | | | |

- Fruit (seed heads)
- Form
- Texture
- Ultimate Size
- Rate of Growth
- Plant Community

Showy seed heads, Feathery appearance when mature
 Irregular, more regular with shearing
 Coarse
 10 + feet
 Fast
 Parkland, pinyon-juniper, Mt. Mahogany, Shrub steppe, cool desert shrub
 Low
 none of ornamental value

- Availability
- Cultivars

Additional Photos:





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