

## ***Cliffrose in the Landscape***

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### ***Purshia mexicana***

#### **Cliffrose**



#### **Description**

Cliffrose is the southern cousin of *Purshia tridentata* (bitterbrush), but with the greater assets of pleasantly fragrant evergreen foliage and flowers that can reach a gnarled form up to 10' high. Cliffrose bears feathery seed heads at the end of its flowering cycle. The small leaves are deeply lobed and give the shrub a somewhat soft appearance. Both foliage and flowers are aromatic. Yellow, rose type flowers cover the plant during the summer. Cliffrose occurs throughout the southern regions of the intermountain west. Elevation: 4,500 - 7,000ft. Cliffrose is a very nice plant that adds vertical texture to the low-water landscape.

Uncommon in trade.

#### **Cultural Requirements:**

- Native habitat prairies, dry hills, woodlands
- Soil well drained, tolerates poor soil conditions, Prefers gravelly conditions
- Cold Tolerance Zones 4 - 7
- Drought Tolerance High
- Water Tolerance Can become unruly under high water situations
- Salt Tolerance High
- Sun/Shade Preference full sun
- Transplanting ?
- Propagation seed
- Maintenance Prune in winter, tolerates shearing







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