




# ATRIPLEX LENTIFORMIS

## Quail Bush

 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Native to N. Mexico, SW U.S.



### Why we love it...

Across the arid southwest, Quail bush offers a humble beauty that is rarely found in plants that are as beneficial to native habitats and natural landscapes. Tolerating intense heat as well as bitter cold, this deciduous shrub can grow in salty, alkaline, or poorly drained soils, and easily survives through extreme drought on natural rainfall, all while providing much needed shelter and food to native wildlife. The flowers that begin blooming in winter are hard to notice, but the clusters of golden fruit that appear on female plants in late spring are highly ornamental, arching elegantly towards the ground from the ends of the branches and inviting local birds to stop and dine!



**Lydia says:** Though they are very drought hardy, you can encourage Quail Bush to grow faster, larger, and more densely by irrigating once a month through the summer!



### Deciduous Shrub: *Atriplex lentiformis*

**Size (H x W):** 3-9 feet x 6-12 feet

**Blooms:** Greenish-white flowers from spring to fall

**Exposure:** Full sun to part shade

**Hardiness Zone:** 10° F, USDA Zone 7

**Water:** Low to moderate

**Pruning:** not usually necessary – by choice in July to remove unwanted stems and empty fruit stalks

**Growth Rate:** Slow to fast – depending on water



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