

ATRIPLEX CANESCENS

Fourwing Saltbush



Low
water



Full sun to
part shade



Native to Western
N. America, Mexico

Why we love it...

Many plants and animals across the arid regions of western U.S. and northern Mexico owe their livelihood to the prolific Fourwing Saltbush. In nature, it commonly protects young tender seedlings from the elements, and also provides food, shelter, and nesting sites for a variety of birds. In more manicured spaces, it is employed as an informal or clipped hedge, a barrier or screen, a beautiful accent specimen, or as a background foundation.

Though the inconspicuous flowers of the Fourwing Saltbush are not much to look at, the golden seed pods, produced by female plants in fall, provide a terrific display of wildlife activity and impressive color against the plant's silvery foliage.



Lydia says: This plant tolerates saline and alkaline soils, and is ideal for use in areas with high danger of fire or where erosion control is needed.

Evergreen Shrub: *Atriplex canescens*

Size (H x W): 3-6 feet x 5-8 feet

Blooms: Greenish-white flowers from spring to fall

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: -30° F, USDA Zone 4

Water: Low

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

Growth Rate: Slow to moderate



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