



Acacia greggii, CATCLAW ACACIA

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COMPANION PLANTS

Agave deserti
Argemone corymbosa
Aristida purpurea
Baccharis sarothroides
Baileya multiradiata
Calliandra eriophylla
Fallugia paradoxa
Hyptis emoryi
Justicia californica
Nolina parryi
Penstemon centranthifolius
Simmondsia chinensis
Sphaeralcea ambigua
Yucca whipplei

Catclaw Acacia is a medium shrub found in washes and on hillsides in the Colorado and Mohave deserts below 6,000 feet. Reaching 10 feet tall and 15 feet wide, it is extremely drought tolerant, its feathery foliage is winter deciduous and plants sometimes go dormant during prolonged dryness. Fragrant, pale yellow flowers occur in spring and short, curved spines occur along the greyish stems and branches. A lovely accent for naturalistic desert plantings, it is also great for barrier plantings. Prune lower branches for an open, airy patio specimen (away from walkways). Provides valuable habitat for nesting birds and the flowers attract pollinators to their sweet nectar. The seeds are eaten by a variety of desert critters.

PLANT PROFILES

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