

## ***Chamaebatiaria millefolium***

**Shoshoni:** Ting-wee-buh, **Havasupai:** Hwanyimoval'cicaava  
**Fernbush, Helechero, Desert Sweet**

H: 3'-8'

W: 4'-6'

Light: Full Sun to part shade

Water: Low

Temperature: -30F

Foliage: Silvery green, almost evergreen

Flower: White

Native Range: Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, eastern California and northern Arizona

**Description:** This shrub HAS. IT. ALL. Showy plumes of deliciously fragrant flowers ✓ Pretty ferny foliage ✓ Ornamental exfoliating bark ✓ Attractive form ✓ Nice looking seeds ✓

Native to cold desert regions in the American West, *C. millefolium* is adaptable to different soil types as long as they're well draining. The Havasupai call this plant Hwanyimoval'cicaava, which means "wild currant relative". However, this plant bears little resemblance to the ribes genus, nor does it produce edible fruit. In fact, it's only close relative is *Spiraeanthus schrenckianus*, an endangered species endemic to a small area of Southern Kazakhstan. The Shoshone, who used the wood of this shrub to make arrows and it's leaves to brew a medicinal tea, call it ting-wee-buh. Plant this shrub in full sun for best form and bloom. It can live in part shade if necessary.

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