

Fendlera rupicola

Tsin-tliz'-i "hard wood", Cliff fendlerbush, False Mockorange

H: 4'-6'

W: 2'-3'

Light: Full Sun

Water: Low

Temperature: -10F

Foliage: Bright green

Flower: Pink, White

Native Range: West Texas, Southern Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Chihuahua & Sonora

Description: In habitat, *Fendlera rupicola* is found growing on steep canyon walls and rocky ledges throughout the American Southwest and Northern Mexico at elevations from 3'000'-7,000'. This cold hardy desert shrub has a stately columnar form, and during summer is covered with masses of pinkish white flowers. Within its native range, indigenous people used its sturdy wood to craft arrows, weaving-forks, and tools, hence the Navajo name Tsin-tliz'-i, which translates to English as 'hard wood'.

The species name 'rupicola' means lover of rocks, indicating this shrub's preference for well drained soils and tolerance of reflected heat. Give *F. rupicola* a home in sandy, loamy or rocky soil in full sun for best results. Once established this plant will happily withstand drought. Though coming from a summer monsoon climate, it wouldn't turn down the occasional summer drink either.

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