

Ephedra californica

Desert Tea, Mormon Tea

BUSH

To 4' high.

Very small leaves in 3's.

Cones $\frac{1}{2}$ " with very short stalks.

Twigs are yellow-green when young, aging to gray-brown.

Native habitat: arid grassland, chaparral, creosote-bush scrub below 2,000' — from southern Sierra Nevada foothills to southwest California, Baja California and western Arizona.

Full sun.

Needs good drainage.

Very drought tolerant.



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