

# *Fouquieria splendens*

## Ocotillo

LARGE SHRUB - drought deciduous.  
15 - 20' high.

Stiff, spiny stems fan up and outward  
from the base.

Small, oval, bright green leaves after  
rains.

Bright red flowers in clusters at tips  
of stems - March to July.

Native habitat: creosote brush - dry,  
rocky places below 2500' -  
Mojave Desert and Colorado  
Desert to Texas and Mexico.

Full sun.

Needs good drainage.

No summer water.

Best inland.

Good accent plant.

Flowers popular with hummingbirds.



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