

*Garrya elliptica*  
Coast Tassel Bush

SHRUB, SMALL TREE, evergreen.

10 to 24' high, with equal spread.

Fairly slow-growing and usually smaller in cultivation.

Leaves are dark green, leathery,  
lighter on under surface.

Separate male and female trees, male being showy.

Male flowers are long, silvery catkins - December to March.

Native habitat: coastal sage scrub, chaparral, forest below 2000'  
- Coast Ranges from Santa Barbara to southern Oregon.

Full sun on the coast, part shade inland.

Needs well-drained soil.

Water 2 - 4 x / month until  
established.

Any pruning should be just after flowering.

Attractive at all times.

Can be used as informal hedge, espalier or as a screen.

Attracts birds.

