

Botanical Name: Simmondsia chinensis

Common Name: Jojoba, Goatnut

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a densely-branched, broadly rounded shrub, with stiff
branches spreading upwards and outwards to form a full mounded shape; young
stems are green and minutely hairy

Height 4' - 8' (10') Spread equal or more Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers warm full-sun locations; grows poorly in heavy
shade

Soil thrives in dry, coarse soils; tolerates clay

Hardiness hardy (zones 10-13, 19-24): likes hot sunny inland habitats

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, held in an upright position; oblong-
oval, 1"-2" long, leathery; pale green or greenish-yellow; sessile

Flowers unisexual, without petals, inconspicuous, on separate
plants; April - July

Fruit a capsule: smooth, acorn-shaped, about 3/4" long, edible

Propagation: seed

Usage: medium to large filler, background or hedge material,
valued for its durability, dense growth, and slope stabilizing

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; the plant is extremely drought-
tolerant once established

Fertilizing a balanced fertilizer in spring will promote faster growth;
little is required

Pruning to shape desired; the plant can be sheared

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions fruit yields commercially valuable oil
arid desert slopes, Riverside Co.

Origin: into Baja Family: Buxaceae