

Botanical Name: Artemisia tridentata

Common Name: Big sagebrush, Great basin sage

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character mostly evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright, loosely formed herbaceous perennial that is  
native to the dry areas of the American west; tends to sprawl into an informal  
mass of silvery, slender branches with fine, very aromatic foliage

Height 6 - 8 Spread 6 - 8 Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil tolerates most, prefers sandy or well-draining

Hardiness hardy (Zones 1-3, 6-11, 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves narrow, wedge-shaped to 3/4" long densely clothing stem;  
silvery gray-green with three small teeth at leaf apex

Flowers inconspicuous heads in slender, loose panicles; yellow  
heads to 1/2" diameter

Fruit inconspicuous (small achenes)

Propagation: seed, semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: large, rangy shrubby perennial used for distinctive form and  
silvery foliage along with extraordinary drought-tolerance; use primarily in  
rustic gardens, on dry slopes and in desert landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering does well with no irrigation after established; provide  
weekly irrigation during first summer, almost none thereafter

Fertilizing little required

Pruning occasional heading back to make plant more dense and full

Pests/Diseases relative free

Special Conditions

Origin: Western North America Family: Asteraceae