

Fallugia paradoxa

Póñil, Mataki'i, Apache Plume

H: 4'-6'

W: 4'-6'

Light: Full Sun to part shade

Water: Low

Temperature: -30F

Foliage: Green

Flower: Light pink or white

Native Range: Southeastern California and southern Nevada, to southern Colorado, west Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, to northern Mexico.

Description: This might be the showiest shrub from the American Southwest. In habitat it is found in arroyos and dry rocky slopes between 3,000' and 8,000' above sea level. We have seen this shrub put out the occasional midwinter flower in Spokane, but it's main show comes in the spring when it is covered by wide flowers that resemble those of an evening primrose. In summer the flowers give way to even showier pink seed heads that are said to resemble an apache headdress, hence the common name 'Apache plume'. One of its other common names, Póñil, means broom in the Spanish dialect of New Mexico. This is also apparently in reference to the appearance of the seed heads.

F. paradoxa does best when planted in well draining soil in full sun. As it is a desert native, it takes on drought without issue.

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