

## Jojoba, Goatnut

*Simmondsia chinensis*

Plant Form: Evergreen Shrub

Water Use: Extremely Low

Mature Size: 6-8 ft. tall x 8-10 ft. wide

Exposure: Full Sun

Bloom Time: Winter (Feb), Spring (Mar-May), Summer (June)

Native to: California, Arizona, Mexico (between 0 - 4900 feet)

Hardiness: Cold Hardy to 15°F

Jojoba is a long-lived, slow-growing dense evergreen shrub that is one of our most drought-tolerant, heat-tolerant native plants. Thick, leathery leaves grow so that only their edges face the sun during the hottest part of the day, reducing heat gain and moisture loss from leaf surfaces. Non-showy flowers on female plants produce acorn-like fruits containing a liquid wax prized as a stable lubricant for industrial applications, and for cosmetic and scalp preparations. Male and female flowers grow on separate plants, so fruits develop only on female plants with male plants nearby. Although wind-pollinated, bees collect pollen from male plants. This undemanding shrub has no pests, needs no maintenance, and requires no added water after it is established. Young plants may be cold sensitive, but mature plants are cold hardy. Jojoba's dense foliage is perfect for screening or informal hedges. Great in naturalistic landscapes, in mixed plantings, or as a specimen.



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