## Plant Propagation Protocol for Garrya fremontii

#### ESRM 412 – Native Plant Production



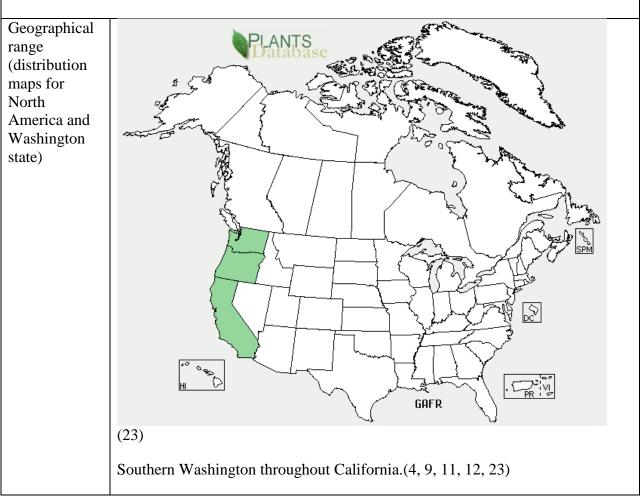
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TAXONOMY	
Family Names	
Family Scientific Name:	Garryaceae Lindl., nom. cons.

Family Name Synonym:	Aucubaceae J. Agardh (22, 23)
Family Common Name:	Silk tassel, silktassel
Scientific Names	
Genus:	Garrya
	For Nicholas Garry, a friend of botanist David Douglas (1799–1834).(16)
Genus Common Names:	garrya, silk tassel, silk tassel bush, silk tassel tree, silktassel, silk-tassel, silktassel bush, silk-tassel bush, silktassel tree, silk-tassel tree, tassel bush, tasselbush, tassel-bush, tasseltree (22, 23)
Species:	fremontii
	For explorer Captain John C. Fremont, "The Great Pathfinder" (1930–1900)(3)
Species Authority:	Torr. (John Torrey)
Variety:	None current in USDA Plants Database (23)
Subspecies:	None current in USDA Plants Database (23)
	Historically:
	<ul> <li>Garrya fremontii var. fremontii Eastw. (1903).(12)</li> <li>Garrya rigida Eastw. formerly included under Garrya fremontii.(5, 12)</li> </ul>
Cultivar:	
Authority for Variety/Subsp ecies:	Historical subspecies authority: Alice Eastwood
Common Synonym(s) (include full scientific names (e.g., Elymus glaucus Buckley),	Garrya fremontii var. laxa Eastw. (1903) is synonymous with Garrya fremontii.(9, 23)

including variety or subspecies information)	
Common Name(s):	bear brush, bear-brush, California fever bush, California feverbush, California fever-bush, flannel bush, Frémont silk tassel, Frémont silk tassel bush, Frémont silktassel, Frémont silk-tassel bush, Frémont tasselbush, Frémont's silk tassel, Frémont's silk tassel bush, Frémont's silktassel, Frémont's silk-tassel bush, Frémont's tasselbush, greenleaf silk-tassel, mountain silktassel, mountain silktassel bush, quinine bush, skunk bush, skunkbush, squawbush, upland silk tassel bush
Species Code (as per USDA Plants database):	GAFR

## GENERAL INFORMATION



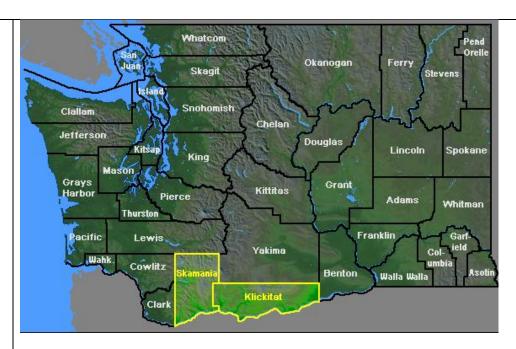


Figure 1: From Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture.(9)

**In Washington:** Skamania and Klickitat Counties, along the Columbia River.(9)

**In Oregon and California:** Along the Columbia River; in the Siskiyou Mountains; and in the Klamath Mountains and Pacific Coast Ranges, from Josephine and Jackson counties, OR, to Madera County, CA. In the Cascade Range and Sierra Nevada, from Lane County, OR, to Madera County, CA. A distinct population occurs in Orange and San Diego counties, in the Peninsular Range and the east-west Transverse Ranges.(4, 9, 11, 12, 23)



Figure 2: California distribution of *G. fremontii* by county.(4)

# Ecological distribution (ecosystems it occurs in, etc)

## Ecosystems(4):

- Chaparral—mountain shrub (FRES34)
- Douglas-fir (FRES20)
- Ponderosa pine (FRES21)
- Redwood (FRES27)
- Western hardwoods (FRES28)
- Western white pine (FRES22)

#### Kuchler associations(4):

- California mixed evergreen forest (K029)
- California oakwoods (K030)
- Chaparral (K033)
- Douglas-fir forest (K012)
- Mixed conifer forest (K005)
- Montane chaparral (K034): Garrya fremontii dominant or codominant
- Mosaic of K002 and K026 (K028)
- Oregon oakwoods (K026)
- Ponderosa shrub forest (K010)
- Red fir forest (K007)
- Redwood forest (K006)
- Western ponderosa forest (K011)

In montane chaparral, G. fremontii is dominant or codominant; in other

chaparral habitat types, it usually occurs as scattered individuals.(4) In California, Garrya fremontii is a dominant or codominant in the shrub canopy in the following alliances (17): • Arctostaphylos hookeri Provisional Shrubland Alliance (Hooker's manzanita chaparral) • Arctostaphylos montereyensis Provisional Shrubland Alliance (Monterey manzanita chaparral • Arctostaphylos patula Shrubland Alliance (green leaf manzanita chaparral) • Artostaphylos viscida Shrubland Alliance (white leaf manzanita chaparral) • Ceanothus cuneatus Shrubland Alliance (wedge leaf ceanothus chaparral, buck brush chaparral) • Chrysolepis sempervirens Shrubland Alliance (Bush chinquapin chaparral) • *Holodiscus discolor* Shrubland Alliance (Ocean spray brush) Climate and Hardy to USDA Zone 6 or 7, sun or part shade. G. fremontii occurs in Mediterranean climates, which have cool, wet winters, and hot, droughty summers. Temperatures are usually mild. Rainfall ranges from 12 to 40 inches, most of it in winter. (10, 12) Elevation reports range from 0 to nearly 9,000 feet.(9, 11, 12, 21) In Washington, G. fremontii occurs at low to moderate elevations.(9) Conservation status In Washington, more abundant or less rare than assumed (before July 2011), occurring in woodlands and chaparral. As of 1988, global abundance according to NatureServe ratings was between "apparently secure" (either uncommon though not rare, with some cause for concern), and "abundant" (common and abundant). State status is not ranked. (15, 24)

#### Local habitat and abundance; may include commonly associated species

elevation

range

#### Commonly associated species

Society of American Foresters Forest Cover Types:(7)

- Blue oak Digger pine (SAF 250)
- California black oak (SAF 246)
- California coast live oak (SAF 255)
- Canyon live oak (SAF 249)
- Douglas-fir tanoak Pacific madrones (SAF 234)
- Douglas-fir western hemlock (SAF 230)

Jeffrey pine (SAF 247) • Knobcone pine (SAF 248) • Oregon white oak (SAF 233) • Pacific Douglas-fir (SAF 229) • Pacific ponderosa pine - Douglas-fir (SAF 244) • Pacific ponderosa pine (SAF 245) • Port-Orford-cedar (SAF 231) • Redwood (SAF 232) Sierra Nevada mixed conifer (SAF 243) Additional associates include: (12) • *Abies concolor* (white fir) • Adenostoma fasiculatum (chamise) • *Arctostaphylos* spp. (manzanita) • Bromus mollis (soft chess) • *Ceanothus cuneatus* (buckbrush) • Cercis occidentalis (redbud) • Cerocarpus betuloides (birchleaf mountain-mahogany) • *Erodium cicutarium* (cutleaf filaree) • Festuca magalura (foxtail fescue) • *Heteromeles arbutifolia* (toyon) • *Pinus coulteri* (Coulter pine) • Quercus dumosa (scrub oak) • Q. sadleriana (deer oak) • *Toxicodendron diversilobium* (poison-oak) *Trifolium* spp. (clovers) Most common as a climax or pyric-climax species in chaparral, a fire-Plant strategy type / maintained ecosystem. successional Also occurs in other stages of succession as a facultative seral species or stage (stresspioneer, from sprouting survivor in initial and early seral communities through tolerator, late seral stages in foothills forests and woodlands communities. competitor, weedy/coloniz Then succeeded by *Pinus monticola* (white pine), *Pinus ponderosa* or *Pinus* er, seral, late jeffreyi (Ponderosa or Jeffrey pine), Pseudotsuga menziesii (Douglas fir), successional) Quercus spp. (oaks), Sequoia sempervirens (coastal redwood).(10, 12) Plant Dioecious, evergreen, many-branched shrub to 3 meters. characteristics Leaves 4–8 cm opposite, entire, elliptic-ovate to elliptic-oblong, and leathery; (life form yellow-green below. (shrub, grass, forb), Flowers January through May; adapted for wind pollination. Staminate flowers longevity, key axillary or terminal, drooping, catkinlike racemes to 9 cm. Unbranched racemes characteristics

, etc)	comprising flowers in 3s in cuplike bracts, with 4 alternate stamens and 4 elongate sepals. Pistillate flowers similar except bracts densely silk, with an inferior ovary, 2 sepals, 2 spreading styles.  Fruits are a 5–6 mm dry, globose, seeded berry, dark purple when ripe, persisting June through December. Produce one to three 2–3 mm seeds.(9, 11, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23, 26)
PROPAGATIO	N DETAILS
Ecotype (this is meant primarily for experimentall y derived protocols, and is a description of where the seed that was tested came from):	
Propagation Goal (Options: Plants, Cuttings, Seeds, Bulbs, Somatic Embryos, and/or Other Propagules):	Plants
Propagation Method (Options: Seed or Vegetative):	Seed, vegetative
Product Type (options: Container (plug), Bareroot (field grown), Plug + (container-	Propagules, containers  The following information is for G. elliptica and might not apply to G. fremontii: containers/plugs.(25)

field grown hybrids, and/or Propagules (seeds, cuttings, poles, etc.))	
Stock Type:	Unknown for G. fremontii
	For G. elliptica: Deepot 40 (25)
Time to Grow (from seeding until plants are ready to be outplanted):	
Target Specifications	Unknown for G. fremontii
(size or characteristics of target plants to be produced):	For G. elliptica: firm root plug in container. (12)
Propagule Collection	Seeds
(how, when, etc):	Fruits are ripe August through December. <b>For</b> <i>Garrya</i> <b>spp.:</b> Collect ripe fruit by hand. Be sure to collect only fruits that are not infested with insect larvae.(18, 26)
	Cuttings
	Cuttings taken in late summer grow best with bottom heat.(14)
	Various procedures for Garrya spp.:
	<ul> <li>American Horticultural Society: vegetative propagation by semiripe stem cuttings in summer and late autumn.(1)</li> <li>Washington Park Arboretum: softwood cuttings in July and August and by hardwood cuttings in November.(20)</li> <li>Plants For A Future Database: In August, stick 10-cm cuttings of half-ripe wood with a heel in a cold frame. December and January, use 10–12 cm heel cuttings of mature wood; place in frame.(8)</li> </ul>
Propagule	G. fremontii seeds: 65/g., average 29,500/lb., or yield about 50% cleaned seeds

Processing/Pr	by fruit weight.(18, 26)
opagule Characteristic s (including seed density (# per pound), seed longevity, etc):	The following information is for <i>Garrya</i> spp. in general and might not apply to <i>G. fremontii</i> : 85 to 99% of seeds are sound. Store <i>Garrya</i> spp. as for seeds of most shrub species.(18)
Pre-Planting Propagule Treatments (cleaning,	Cleaning Garrya spp.: Crush fruits and float away empty seeds and pulp, using a macerator or fine sieve.(18, 25, 26)  Breaking embryo dormancy in G. fremontii has succeeded using the
dormancy treatments, etc):	<ul> <li>Stratify at low temperatures (5 °C) in moist sand, peat, or vermiculite 30 to 120 days and then soak 17 hours in 100 p.p.m. gibberellin.(14)</li> <li>Sow seeds and, at 60 days, cold stratify 1 to 2 months, inspecting periodically for seedlings. Results vary among seed batches.(6)</li> <li>Stratify at greenhouse temperatures 90 days followed by 90 days at 5 °C.(18)</li> <li>Immediately sow ripe fruit in cold frame.(8)</li> <li>Various temperature stratification regimes have succeeded for <i>G. elliptica</i> and <i>Garrya</i> spp.</li> </ul>
Growing Area Preparation / Annual Practices for Perennial Crops (growing media, type and size of containers, etc):	For G. elliptica: In fully controlled greenhouse, sow 6 g. seed per flat May 1 in an aggregate of peat moss, perlite, nutrients, gypsum, and dolomitic lime. Mix seeds with medium and surface sow.(12)
Establishment Phase (from seeding to germination):	<b>For </b> <i>G. elliptica</i> <b>:</b> Mist and water using an automatic irrigation system. Seeds germinate in 14 days.(12)
Length of Establishment	Seed may take 2 or more years to germinate.(8)

Phase:	For G. elliptica: Seeds germinate in 14 days.(12)
Active Growth Phase (from germination until plants are no longer actively growing):	Prick out seedlings into individual pots when large enough to handle.(8)  For G. elliptica: Transplant 14 days after germination in Deepot 16 containers filled with standard potting mix.(12)
Length of Active Growth Phase:	
Hardening Phase (from end of active growth phase to end of growing season; primarily related to the development of cold- hardiness and preparation for winter):	One protocol recommends growing seedlings in a greenhouse the first winter.(8)
Length of Hardening Phase:	
Harvesting, Storage and Shipping (of seedlings):	
Length of Storage (of seedlings, between nursery and outplanting): Guidelines for	One protocol recommends planting <i>G. fremontii</i> into their permanent sites after

	Outplanting / Performance on Typical Sites (e.g., percent survival, height or diameter growth, elapsed time before flowering):	the last frosts, in late spring or early summer.(8)
ŀ	Other	The following information applies to Desert Lands ecological restoration
	Comments (including	types (including some relevant chaparral ecosystems) and might not apply to G. fremontii.
	collection restrictions or guidelines, if available):	Desert plants such as <i>G. fremontii</i> widely need porous, rapidly draining soil mixes in the nursery and benefit from inoculation with appropriate vesicular arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi. Many such plants would benefit from propagation in taller pots than are generally used, to develop a deep rooting system to protect plants from drought.
		Direct seeding is less effective than growing in a nursery. Use comparable microhabitats to decide spacing; desert plants should be spaced widely.
		To establish desert plants, fertilizer and water might be needed; polyacrylamide polymers may help.(10)
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