

Plant Propagation Protocol for *Arceuthobium abietinum*

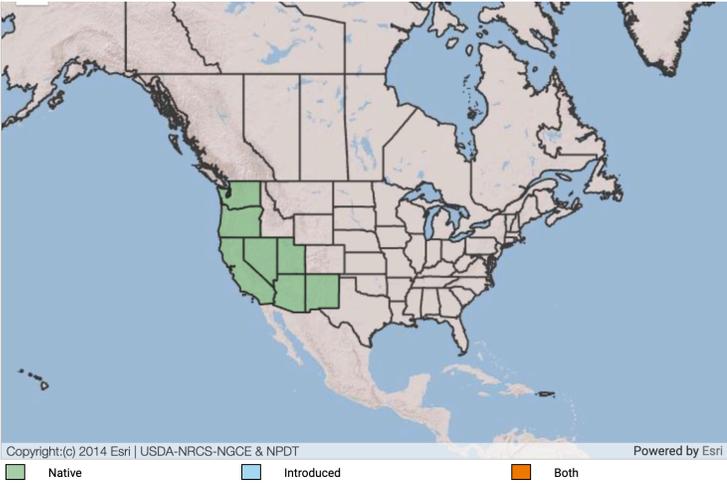
ESRM 412 – Native Plant Production

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TAXONOMY	
Plant Family	
Scientific Name	<i>Viscaceae</i> Batsch ¹
Common Name	Christmas Mistletoe family ¹
Species Scientific Name	<i>Arceuthobium abietinum</i> ¹
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Varieties	None ¹
Sub-species	Klamath fir dwarf mistletoe (ARABW) ¹
Common Name(s)	fir dwarf mistletoe ¹
Species Code (as per USDA Plants database)	ARAB4 ¹
GENERAL INFORMATION	

Geographical range

The Western United States including Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico. ¹



<p>Geographical range in the PNW</p>	 <p>1</p> <p>Copyright © 2014 Esri USDA-NRCS-ANGCE & NPDT Native Introduced Both Native, No County Data Introduced, No County Data Both, No County Data Powered by Esri</p>
<p>Local habitat and abundance</p>	<p>It is a parasitic plant that grows on the limbs of coniferous trees. ⁵</p>
<p>Plant strategy type / successional stage</p>	<p>Perennial ¹</p>

Plant characteristics

Shrub, ¹This plant is a perennial shrub with alternate simple leaves and berry fruits. The branches grow to around three inches in length. The leaves are a green that is tinged brownish and the fruit is olive green. The blooms are red or purple and happen march through may. ⁵



Image ⁴

PROPAGATION DETAILS:SEED	
Ecotype	Found in Conifers, specifically fir trees. ²
Propagation Goal	Plant ³
Propagation Method	Seed ³
Product Type	Plant grown on a host. ³
Time to Grow	Fruting can take up to 6 years. ³
Target Specifications	Several true leaves ³
Propagule Collection Instructions	Collect seeds from only fresh berries then wash. ³
Pre-Planting Propagule Treatments	After seeds are rinsed put them into the bark of the host plant for germination and mist daily. ³
Growing Area Preparation / Annual Practices for Perennial Crops	Host coniferous tree, fir. ³
Guidelines for Outplanting / Performance on Typical Sites	In oder to make a transplant make a cut in the host trees bark and put the moss in this cut so that it can reach underneath the bark. Do this when the mistletoe has several true leaves. ³
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