

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- growth** Medium-sized shrub to three feet tall.
- flower** Yellow, daisy-like flowers during January and February.
- leaves** Small leaves that are divided into three to five narrow lobes.
It has foliage in winter and spring, then sheds its leaves during the dry season.
- seeds** The seeds form in star-like clusters of about ten fruits. Fruits are covered in hairs, aiding dispersal.
- note** All one needs to do is smell the foliage and flowers of sweet resinbush and a pungent, resinous aroma is apparent.



Elevation:

Locations planted in
1930's: 2300-4900 feet

Ecotypes Invaded:

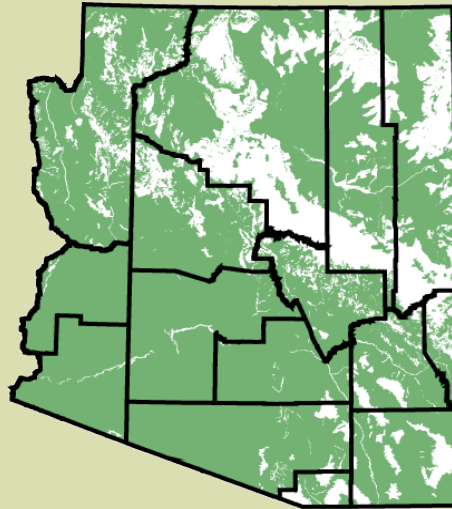
Scrublands, desertlands & grasslands.

ECOLOGY & DISTRIBUTION

The plant is both invasive and unpalatable; domestic and wild ungulate (hooved) herbivores won't eat it. In parts of Arizona its sprawl in semi-arid grasslands has nearly wiped out native plants by using more water, sunlight and nutrients.

It develops monoculture stands; is dormant during initial monsoon events which leaves soil unprotected and eliminates other plants in the inter-spaces between shrubs. Alters (decreases) fire regime, reduces soil-water infiltration, adversely impact hydrologic processes and adversely impacts the ability of a site to support the identified plant community.

SUITABLE HABITAT



Suitable habitat based on the Arizona Wildlands Invasive Plant Working Group (AZ-WIPWG) assessment. Green = suitable habitat; White = unsuitable habitat; Gray = unknown. Based on Brown, Lowe & Pase (1980) vegetation communities.

