

## Atriplex lentiformis

### (Quailbush, Big Saltbush)

Big saltbrush is a large, perennial, fast growing shrub that occurs from central California east into southern Nevada and extreme southwestern Utah and south through western and central Arizona into Baja California and Sonora, Mexico. It typically grows to between 1 and 3 meters. The branches are widespread, slender, and flexible. The numerous leaves are somewhat thick, and covered in fine scales. The small, imperfect flowers occur in panicles. The fruits are utricles with bracts typically 3 to 4 mm long and wide.

Rabbits, lizards, rattlesnakes, coyotes, quails, and other birds use the seeds and foliage for food and habitat. The foliage and twigs provide shelter for many small mammals and livestock.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Buisson à cailles

**Pronunciation:** AT-ry-pleks len-tih-FOR-mis

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** Western North America

**Heat Zones:** 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

**Hardiness Zones:** 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

**Uses:** Border Plant, Mass Planting, Wildlife

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:**

**Canopy Density:** Dense

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 1.5 to 3 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 1 to 1.5 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 2 to 5 Years

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Leaf Image

**Botanical Description**

**Foliage**

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate  
**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate  
**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen  
**Leaf Type:** Simple  
**Leaf Blade:** Less than 5  
**Leaf Shape:** Ovate  
**Leaf Scent:**

**Flower**

**Flower Showiness:** False  
**Flower Size Range:** 1.5 - 3  
**Flower Type:** Panicle  
**Flower Sexuality:** Diecious (Monosexual)  
**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance  
**Flower Color:** Green, White  
**Seasons:** Summer

**Fruit**

**Fruit Type:** Capsule  
**Fruit Showiness:** False  
**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5  
**Fruit Colors:** Brown  
**Seasons:** Summer

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Fruit Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Good

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Low

**Light Requirements:** Full

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Edible Parts:**

**Plant Propagations:** Seed

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