

# **GARRYALES**

(Garryalids)

## **Silktassels**



## **Eucommia**

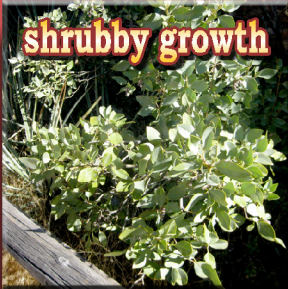


(not native to North America)

**(3 Genera Worldwide)**

# Family **GARRYACEAE** (Silktassels)

## Ashy Silktassel (*Garrya flavescens*)



Red Rock Cyn NCA; NV



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Willow Spring; Red Rock Canyon NCA; NV



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- Flowers:** drooping tassels of many flowers; dioecious (male and female flowers); green to gray green; .5"  
**Stems:** erect; singular trunk; branched; woody, gray green; 6'  
**Leaves:** simple; ovate to elliptical; entire; opposite; tomentose; green; 4"  
**Blooms:** January to April  
**Range:** southwestern US; Baja and northern Mexico  
**Habitat:** dry, gravelly; desert slopes, washes, canyons, etc.; Lower Sonoran to Transition Life Zones

### Notes:

uncommon; shrubby perennial; grows to 6' in montane regions of the sw US from NM west to CA, south into MEX at elevations of 2,500 - 7,000'; hairy, spherical berry fruit; aka **Quinine Bush**, **Yellowleaf Silktassel**; infusion of leaves traditionally used for various medical treatments

Mojave presence: native

### Comments:

While hardly common, this silktassel thrives in montane environments of the southwestern US, such as shown here at Willow Spring in the **Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area** in the Spring Mountain Range just west of Las Vegas, Nevada.

