

Weed Alert!
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(*Cotoneaster franchetii*)

Mature Size Shoulder



Description

- Evergreen shrub up to 9 ft. tall
- Fountain-shaped growth form with zig-zag branches
- Leaves $\frac{3}{4}$ -1 in. long, dull grey-green above, covered with felty hair below
- Leaves appear silver or white from a distance
- Pink-tinged rose-like clusters of 5-11 flowers
- Orange-red fruits with 3 stones
- Reproduces by seed but resprouts when damaged by grazing, cutting, or fire
- Spread by birds, small mammals, water, human activities
- Native to China



Bloom Period May - Jul

Habitat Agricultural areas, grasslands, roadsides, disturbed sites, coastal scrub, forest



2-Minute Removal Dig

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