



# ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

## PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Fremont Barberry

*Berberis fremontii*

**DESCRIPTION:** This native evergreen shrub has gray-green holly-like leaves on wand-like woody stems. It grows to 3 to 10 feet tall and almost as wide, but the growth rate is slow to moderate. Flowers occur in the spring (April to June) and are bright yellow on spikes, followed in the summer by yellow to brown berries. Fremont Barberry is native to grasslands and pinyon/juniper woodlands, mostly from the Mogillon Rim of Arizona up into Colorado and Utah.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** The spiny leaves make this a great barrier plant. The attractive form shows it off as a garden accent or in a desert landscape or xeriscape.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Down to 15°F.



**Sun tolerance:** Best in full sun, but can tolerate light shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Water regularly to establish. Watering can be reduced later. No fertilization needed in the ground.



**Soil requirements:** Needs good drainage



**Pruning:** Lightly as needed in late summer or early fall.