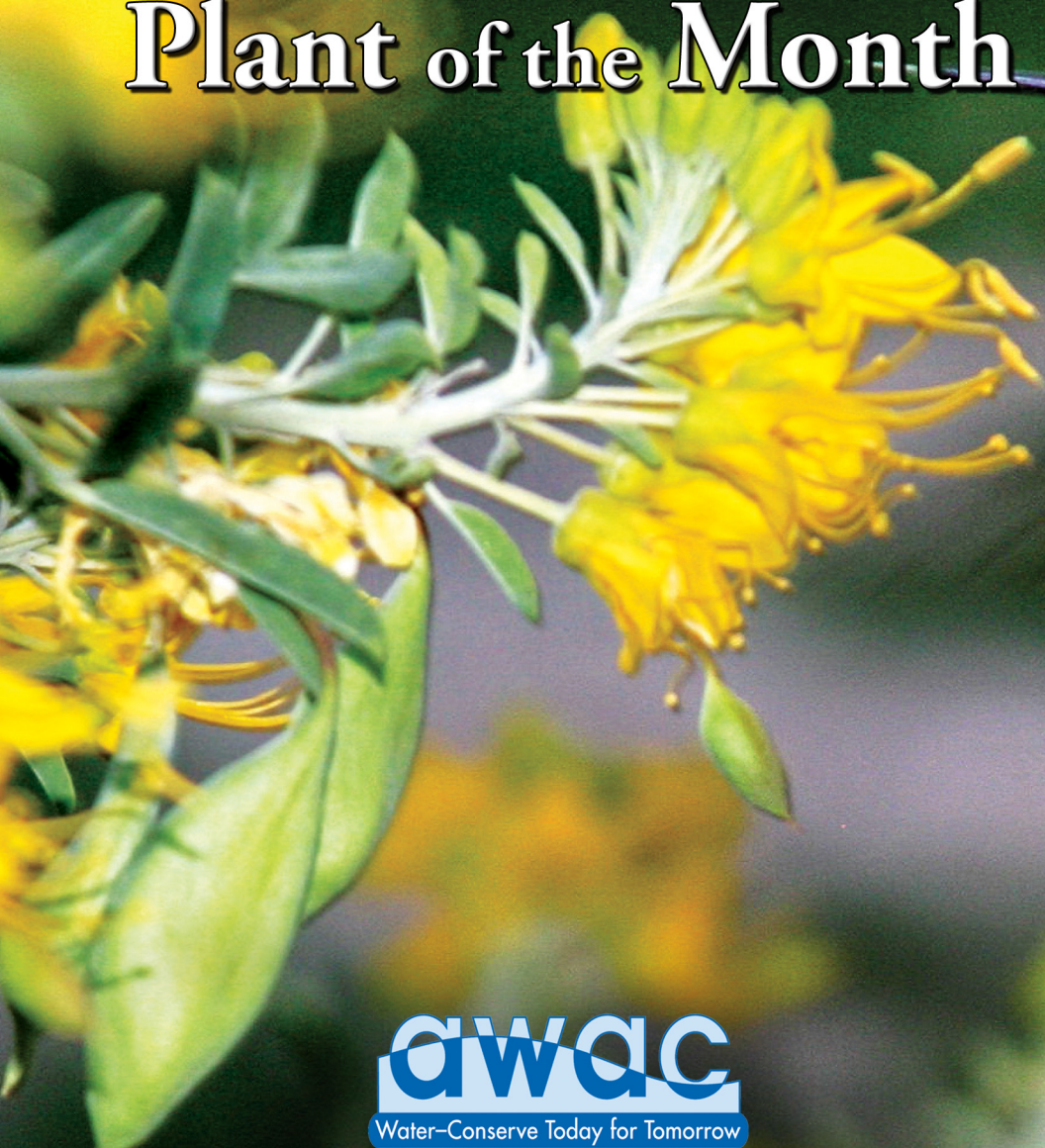


April 2026 Plant of the Month



Bladderpod

Peritoma arborea (Formerly *Isomeris arborea*)

Plant Form: Evergreen shrub

Water Use: Very low

Mature Size: 4'-6' tall & wide

Exposure: Full sun

Bloom Time: Year-round; heaviest bloom Feb - June

Native to: California (between 200 - 6000 feet)

Hardiness: Cold hardy to 25°F

Bladderpod is a hardy, drought-tolerant, evergreen shrub with gray-green leaves. This relative of capers produces showy yellow flowers year-round with only occasional water. Bladderpod derives its name from its seed pods that are shaped like small balloons or inflated "bladders" which enclose this plant's pea-like fruit. This underappreciated native of both high and low deserts of California makes a great border or filler, and is a magnet for hummingbirds and butterflies. The bright, all-season flowers more than make up for its odd-smelling leaves. Prefers well-draining soil. Avoid overwatering in summer, when it is normally dormant in the wild. Bladderpod is easily grown from seed sown directly in place.



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