

Colorado Plateau Pinyon-Juniper Shrubland

Characteristic of rocky mesas and slope sites, 1200-2000 m in elevation, and drier than Pinyon-Juniper Woodlands but often adjacent to them. Dominated by by dwarfed (usually <3 m tall) *Pinus edulis* and/or *Juniperus osteosperma* trees forming extensive tall shrublands in the region along low-elevation margins of pinyon-juniper woodlands. Other shrubs, if present, may include *Artemisia nova*, *Artemisia tridentata* ssp. *wyomingensis*, *Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus*, or *Coleogyne ramosissima*. Herbaceous layers are sparse to moderately dense and typically composed of xeric graminoids.

Grass: dominated by grasses and forbs; <20% shrub cover; very few trees present

Shrub: dominated by shrubs; >20% shrub cover, <30% tree cover in clumps

Woodland: dominated by trees: >30% tree cover, distributed widely