Insert as an Additional Taxa For *Cotoneaster* spp.:

*Cotoneaster glaucophyllus* A.R. Franchet

Gray *Cotoneaster*

C Gray Cotoneaster is small to medium size irregularly upright rounded evergreen shrub; although plants are site responsive, they are often not more than 2N to 4N tall with an equal or greater spread; vigorous shoots grow up and then later branch to fill in the canopy resulting in an irregular outline to the canopy.

C Leaves are small, green, and covered in a dense silvery white pubescence giving the plants an overall silver to gray appearance; tiny pinkish flowers are followed by small pink to red fruits; the flower and fruit effects are minor compared to the fine textured silver gray foliage.

C This is one of the more tolerant *Cotoneaster* spp. for use in hot humid climates; it is one of the few Cotoneasters capable of surviving in Southeast Texas; it requires a very well drained site, nearly always in a raised or mounded bed, and a sunny spot with good air drainage; although not absolutely required, it fairs better with drip than overhead irrigation; hardiness is not fully tested, but it appears to be useful in at least USDA zones 7 to 8(9).

C This plant is exceptional as a textural and gray foliage contrast to dark green plants and those with violet or blue flowers; with proper siting, this species should work in xeriscape gardens.

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