

BOTANICAL NAME: *Acacia craspedocarpa* Family: *Fabaceae*

Acacia craspedocarpa

COMMON NAME:

Leather Leaf Acacia, Wax Leaf Acacia

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Spring to Summer

Water Use - 1: indicates very low water use.

After establishment water every 3 - 6 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Winter

Apply water September through March; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 12' Height: 12' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: Weakly

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 18

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Australia



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

An evergreen that is used best for hedge or screen.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun, takes heat
Soil tolerant with good drainage.

Information Sources

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Asteraceae*

Ambrosia deltoidea (*Franseria*)

COMMON NAME:

Triangle-leaf Bursage

Flower Color: Inconspicuous

Bloom season: Mid-Winter to Mid Spring

Water Use - 1: indicates very low water use.

After establishment water every 3 - 6 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Winter

Apply water September through March; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 2' Height: 2' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: Strongly

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 22

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Sonoran Desert



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Xeriscape use. Very good for revegetation. Use for background.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun, takes heat
Desert soil with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: Fabaceae (*Leguminosae*)

Bauhinia lunarioides

COMMON NAME:

White Orchid Tree

Flower Color: White

Bloom season: Spring to Early Summer

Water Use - 3: indicates moderate water use.

After establishment water every 1 - 3 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Winter

Apply water September through March; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.



Picture: Rich Benda

Characteristics:

Width: 20' Height: 25' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: Yes

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 22

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Chihuahuan Desert

Landscape Use:

Use for shade, around patios. Specimen tree.

Growing Conditions:

It likes partial shade to full sun,
Clay sand loamy acidic soils with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME: *Buddleia marrubifolia* Family: *Loganiaceae*

Buddleia marrubifolia

COMMON NAME:

Woolly Butterfly Bush

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Spring and Summer

Water Use - 1: indicates very low water use.

After establishment water every 3 - 6 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 6' Height: 6' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 15

Elevation: 1,800' to 3,800'

Origin: Chichuhuan Desert



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Butterflies love this plant. Can be used as a foundation plant. Its grey-green foliage plays well against darker plants. Fragrant.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun,
Soil adaptable with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME: *Caesalpinia pulcherrima* Family: *Fabaceae (Leguminosae)*

Caesalpinia pulcherrima

COMMON NAME:

Red Bird of Paradise

Flower Color:  

Bloom season: Summer

Water Use - 3: indicates moderate water use.

After establishment water every 1 -3 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 7' Height: 7' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: Yes

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: Yes

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 28

Elevation: 0' to 3,200'

Origin: Caribbean



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Red Bird of Paradise can be trained into a small tree around patios. Messy and will reseed quickly in irrigated areas. Can work in a tropical look.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun to part shade,
Soil tolerant.

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Fabaceae*

Caesalpinia gillesii (poinciana)

COMMON NAME:

Yellow Bird of Paradise

Flower Color: Yellow with Red stamens

Bloom season: Late Spring to Fall

Water Use - 2: indicates low water use.

After establishment water every 2 - 4 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 5' Height: 9' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: Yes

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: Yes

Spreads in cultivated areas: Yes

Cold Hardiness: °F 10

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: S. America



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Hummingbirds like it. Good summer color in an informal setting. Good for revegetation.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun, Adaptable prefers desert soil with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME: *Calliandra eriophylla* Family: *Fabaceae (Leguminosae)*

Calliandra eriophylla

COMMON NAME:

Fairy Duster, False Mesquite

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Spring

Water Use - 1: indicates very low water use.

After establishment water every
3 - 6 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September;
less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need
to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 3 Height: 2' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 10

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Sonoran Desert



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Fairy Duster works well with other colorful desert plants in desert garden settings especially placed near interesting looking rocks. Birds and rodents eat the seeds.

Growing Conditions:

It likes reflected to full sun to part shade,
Soil tolerant with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME: *Calliandra californica* Family: *Fabaceae (Leguminosae)*

Calliandra californica

COMMON NAME:

Baja Fairy Duster

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Spring through Fall

Water Use - 2: indicates low water use.

After establishment water every 2 - 4 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 5' Height: 5' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 25

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Sonoran Desert



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Baja Fairy Duster blooms over a long period making for a good specimen plant. It can be used for foundation planting helping to shield it from excessive cold.

Growing Conditions:

It likes reflected to full sun to part shade, Tolerant and improved soil with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Ulmaceae*

Celtis pallida

COMMON NAME:

Spiny or Desert Hackbury

Flower Color: Greenish-Yellow

Bloom season: Spring

Water Use - 1: indicates very low water use.

After establishment water every 3 - 6 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 8' Height: 12' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: Strongly

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 17

Elevation: 1,500' to 4,000'

Origin: Chichuhuan and Sonoran Deserts



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Deciduous. Birds and butterflies like it. Use as a specimen plant in an arid desert garden. There is an oriental form to it.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full to reflected sun,
Soil tolerant with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME: *Cordia parvifolia* Family: *Boraginaceae*

Cordia parvifolia

COMMON NAME:

Littleleaf Cordia, Toilet Paper Bush

Flower Color: White

Bloom season: Spring & Summer

Water Use - 2: indicates low water use.

After establishment water every 2 - 4 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 16' Height: 16' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: Yes

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 22

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Sonoran & Chihuahuan Deserts



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Can be used as an informal hedge and for screening as well as a flowering accent.

Growing Conditions:

It likes partial shade to reflected sun, Most soils with good drainage.

Information Sources

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BOTANICAL NAME:

Family: *Fabaceae*

Dalea frutescens

COMMON NAME:

Black Dalea

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Late Fall

Water Use - 3: indicates moderate water use.

After establishment water every 1 -3 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 8' Height: 12' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

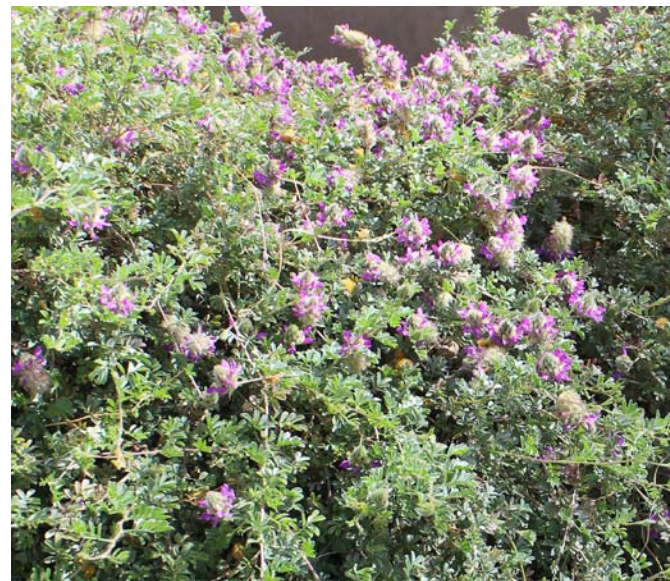
Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 15

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Chichuhuan Desert



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Evergreen to deciduous. Can be used as a foundation plant. Mixed with other colorful plants and contributes well to a natural desert look garden.

Growing Conditions:

It likes light shade to full or reflected sun, Soil tolerant with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Bignoniaceae*

Dodonaea viscosa & varieties

COMMON NAME:

Hopbush

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Late Fall to Winter

Water Use - 2: indicates low water use.

After establishment water every 2 - 4 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 12' Height: 15' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 20

Elevation: 2,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Chichuhuan and Sonoran Deserts



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Evergreen that may be trained into a hedge. Good background as a mass planting. Quail and dove eat the seeds. Can be used for wind control.

Growing Conditions:

It likes part, full or reflected sun,
Tolerant of alkaline soil with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME:

Family: *Nyctaginaceae*

Encelia farinosa

COMMON NAME:

Brittlebrush

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Early Spring

Water Use -1: indicates very low water use.

After establishment water every 3 - 6 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Winter

Apply water September through March; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 3' Height: 4' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: Weakly

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 15

Elevation: 1,000' to 3,000'

Origin: Sonoran Desert



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Use with dark boulders in a desert garden. A versatile plant that can be used in many combinations. Birds and desert animals eat the seeds. It can provide erosion control.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun,
Soil adaptable with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME: *Ericameria laricifolia* & cultivars (*happloppapus laricifolius*)
Family: *Asteraceae*

COMMON NAME:

Turpentine Bush

Flower Color: 

Bloom season: Fall

Water Use - 2: indicates low water use.

After establishment water every 2 - 4 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 2' Height: 2' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 0-10

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Sonoran Desert



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Bees like it. Use in rock gardens where color can be enhanced by massing. The leaves are a bright green so should be contrasted with plants with a greyer visage.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun, no shade
Soil tolerant with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Acanthaceae*

Justicia spigera, spicigera

COMMON NAME:

Mexican Honeysuckle, Firecracker Bush

Flower Color:  

Bloom season: Summer to Winter

Water Use - 3: indicates moderate water use.

After establishment water every 1 - 3 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 3' Height: 3' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 24

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Mexico



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Mexican Honeysuckle provides some color nearly year round. Can be used in containers and small areas such as entry ways. Mass planting in a desert garden can work as well.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun,
It likes average garden soil with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Verbenaceae*

Lantana camara & cultivars

COMMON NAME:

Bush Lantana

Flower Color: 

Bloom season: Spring to Fall

Water Use - 3: indicates moderate water use.

After establishment water every 1 - 3 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 3' Height: 2' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: Yes

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: Yes

Spreads in cultivated areas: Yes

Cold Hardiness: °F 10 to 20

Elevation: 0' to 5,000'

Origin: U.S., Tropics



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Butterflies like Bush Lantana and it works well in natural desert gardens but its scraggly winter appearance can look awful unless combined with evergreens.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun and loves south side heat, Soil tolerant.

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Zygophyllaceae*

Larrea tridentata (divaricata)

COMMON NAME:

Creosote Bush, Greasewood

Flower Color: 

Bloom season: Early Spring to Fall

Water Use - 1: indicates very low water use.

After establishment water every 3 - 6 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 8' Height: 8' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 5

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Chichuhuan and Sonoran Deserts



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Evergreen that can be used as a screen or informal hedge. Can be used as a specimen plant. Can survive on rainfall only. It is an indicator plant. If stunted probably caliche present. If lush then lots of water in the area.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun to reflected heat,
Soil tolerant with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Scrophulariaceae*

Leucophyllum spp. & varieties

COMMON NAME:

Texas Ranger

Flower Color:  White

Bloom season: Summer humidity

Water Use - 2: indicates low water use.

After establishment water every 2 - 4 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 4' Height: 4' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 5-10

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Chihuahuan Desert



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Texas Ranger can be used in a variety of garden settings. Looks best when left natural rather than pruned into geometric shapes which gardeners are prone to do.

Growing Conditions:

It likes part to full or reflected sun,
Soil tolerant with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Myrtaaceae*

Myrtus communis & varieties

COMMON NAME:

True Myrtle, Roman Myrtle, Classic Myrtle

Flower Color: White

Bloom season: Spring

Water Use - 3: indicates moderate water use.

After establishment water every 1 - 3 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 4' Height: 5' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 20

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Mediterranean



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Classic Myrtle is easy to care for and is useful in formal or informal settings. The foliage is aromatic. It can contribute to an oriental garden look.

Growing Conditions:

It likes part, full or reflected sun,
Adapts to soil with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Berberidaceae*

Nandina domestica & varieties 'Compacta'

COMMON NAME:

Heavenly Bamboo (Compact)

Flower Color: White followed by Red Berries

Bloom season: Spring

Water Use - 1: indicates very low water use.

After establishment water every 3 - 6 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 3' Height: 5' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 15

Elevation: 0' to 5,000'

Origin: Asia



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Heavenly Bamboo is a good accent plant especially in an oriental setting. Can be used as a screen. Can be used as a specimen plant in containers.

Growing Conditions:

It likes open, filtered or part shade to full sun, Average garden with no alkaline soil.

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Asteraceae*

Pedilanthus macrocarpus

COMMON NAME:

Slipper Flower, Lady's Slipper

Flower Color: Red-Pink

Bloom season: Mid-Winter to Mid Spring

Water Use - 1: indicates very low water use.

After establishment water every 3 - 6 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Winter

Apply water September through March; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 2' Height: 2' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: Strongly

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 22

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Sonoran Desert



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Xeriscape use. Very good for revegetation. Use for background.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun, takes heat
Desert soil with good drainage.

Information Sources

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Pittosporaceae*

Pittosporum tobira & cultivars

COMMON NAME:

Mock Orange (Japanese)

Flower Color: White

Bloom season: Early Summer

Water Use - 3: indicates moderate water use.

After establishment water every 1 - 3 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 8' Height: 5' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 29

Elevation: 600' to 3,600'

Origin: Asia



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Mock Orange is a dense evergreen plant that gives a feeling of mass. Good for oriental style gardens. It lends itself to formal settings.

Growing Conditions:

It likes filtered shade to part or full sun,
Prefers garden soil enriched with humus.

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Punicaceae*

Punica granatum & varieties

COMMON NAME:

Pomegranate

Flower Color: White

Bloom season: Late Winter

Water Use - 3: indicates moderate water

After establishment water every 1 -3 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 8' Height: 16' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 10

Elevation: 0' to 5,000'

Origin: India



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Pomegranate is resistant to Texas Root Rot. It can be used as a hedge, screen or windbreak. Good specimen tree. Some maintenance.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun,
Tolerant even in alkaline soil with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME:

Family: *Acanthaceae*

Ruellia peninsularis

COMMON NAME:

Baja Ruellia

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Spring to Summer

Water Use - 2: indicates low water use.

After establishment water every 2 - 4 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 3' Height: 3' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 25

Elevation: 0' to 2,500'

Origin: Sonoran Desert



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Baja Ruellia can be used near pools and next to sidewalks as well as foundation planting. It can work as a background for plants with lighter leaves and brighter flowers.

Growing Conditions:

It likes part shade to full sun,
Soil tolerant.

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BOTANICAL NAME:

Mint Family: *Lamiaceae*

Salvia clevelandii

COMMON NAME:

Chaparral Sage

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Late Spring to Summer

Water Use - 2: indicates low water use.

After establishment water every 2 - 4 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Winter

Apply water September through March; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 4' Height: 3' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 15

Elevation: 1,000' to 3,500'

Origin: S. Calif., Baja



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Chaparral Sage a perennial is a good background plant as well as a foundation plant.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun with afternoon shade,
Grows well in most soils with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME: Mint Family: *Lamiaceae*

Salvia greggii

COMMON NAME:

Red Chihuahan Sage, Autumn Sage

Flower Color:    White

Bloom season: Spring to Summer

Water Use - 3: indicates moderate water

After establishment water every 1 -3 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 2' Height: 2' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 5

Elevation: 1,000' to 3,500'

Origin: Chihuahuan Desert



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Hummingbirds are attracted to Autumn Sage. The colorful flowers should be set against silvery foliaged background plants. It works as a low hedge as well as mass ground cover.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun,
Grows well in alkaline soil with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME:

Family: *Lamiaceae*

Salvia leucantha

COMMON NAME:

Purple Mexican Bush Sage

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Spring to Fall

Water Use - 3: indicates moderate water use.

After establishment water every 1 - 3 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 3 Height: 3' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 25

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Mexico



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Evergreen in Tucson. Can be used for borders, background and perennial gardens. Attracts hummingbirds.

Growing Conditions:

It likes part shade to full sun,
Prepared soil well watered with good drainage.

Information Sources

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Buxaceae*

Simmondsia chinensis

COMMON NAME:

Jojoba, Goat Nut

Flower Color: Green inconspicuous

Bloom season: Mid-Spring

Water Use - 1: indicates very low water use.

After establishment water every 3 - 6 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 6' Height: 6' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: Strong

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 15

Elevation: 1,500' to 5,000'

Origin: Sonoran Desert



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

A good workhorse plant that can be used as a foundation plant, as a background to set off lighter colored plants even as a windbreak. Low maintenance.

Growing Conditions:

It likes part, full or reflected sun,
Tolerant to gravelly soil with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME:

Family: *Asteraceae*

Tagetes lemmonii

COMMON NAME:

Mt. Lemmon Marigold

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Spring and Fall

Water Use - 3: indicates moderate water use.

After establishment water every 1 -3 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 3' Height: 2' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 28

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Sonoran Desert



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

It is usually evergreen in Tucson. Use for color. Use as a backdrop.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun, moderate shade
Prefers improved soil with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Bignoniaceae*

Tecoma capensis (*Tecomaria capensis*)

COMMON NAME:

Cape Honeysuckle

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Late Fall to Winter

Water Use - 3: indicates moderate water use.

After establishment water every 1 - 3 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 5' Height: 6' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 28

Elevation: 0' to 3,000'

Origin: Africa



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Evergreen with bright blooms that make for a good tropical accent. Needs some maintenance because it can over grow.

Growing Conditions:

It likes part to full or reflected sun, Improved garden soil with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME:

Family: *Poaceae*

Muhlenbergia capillaris

COMMON NAME:

Regal Mist, Pink Muhly

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Spring

Water Use - 3: indicates moderate water use.

After establishment water every 1 - 3 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 3' Height: 4' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 5

Elevation: 500' to 3,000'

Origin: U.S.



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Sometimes evergreen perennial grass which grows fast. Use in desert gardens.

Growing Conditions:

It likes part shade to full sun,
Most soils with good drainage.

Information Sources

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BOTANICAL NAME: Cactus Family: *Cactaceae*

Muhlenbergia dumosa

COMMON NAME:

Bamboo Muhly

Flower Color: Green dries to Tan

Bloom season: Spring to Summer

Water Use - 3: indicates moderate water use.

After establishment water every 1 - 3 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 5' Height: 5' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: Strongly

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 20

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Sonoran Desert



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Usually green with enough water can be used as a mass background planting. Some oriental feel. Can work in rock gardens.

Growing Conditions:

It likes part shade to full sun,
Most soils with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME:

Family: *Poaceae (Graminaea)*

Muhlenbergia rigens

COMMON NAME:

Deer Grass

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Summer to Fall

Water Use - 2: indicates low water use.

After establishment water every 2 - 4 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 3' Height: 3' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: Moderately

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 10

Elevation: 1,000' to 3,500'

Origin: Sonoran Desert



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Deer Grass is a semi-evergreen fast growing plant that is a good compliment in rocky naturalistic desert gardens.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun to part shade,
Grows well in most soils with good drainage.

Information Sources

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BOTANICAL NAME: Grasses Family: *Poaceae*

Nassella tenuissima

COMMON NAME:

Mexican Feather Grass, Thread Grass

Flower Color: Tan

Bloom season: Fall

Water Use - 2: indicates low water use.

After establishment water every 2 - 4 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 1' Height: 3' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: Moderately

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 0

Elevation: 1,000 to 5,000'

Origin: Chihuahuan Desert



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Evergreen clumping grass. Good for grouping. Gives texture and where there is a breeze it provides a nice movement.

Growing Conditions:

It likes part shade to full sun,
Soil tolerant with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME:

Family: *Fabaceae*

Acacia redolens

COMMON NAME:

Prostrate Acacia

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Spring

Water Use - 2: indicates low water use.

After establishment water every 2 - 4 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 10' Height: 4' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: Weakly

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 20

Elevation: 0' to 3,000'

Origin: Australia



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

An evergreen groundcover.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun,
Most soils with good drainage.

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BOTANICAL NAME:

Family: *Asteraceae*

Baileya multiradiata

COMMON NAME:

Desert Marigold

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Mid-Winter to Mid Spring

Water Use - 1: indicates very low water use.

After establishment water every 3 - 6 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Winter

Apply water September through March; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 2' Height: 2' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: Strongly

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 22

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Sonoran and Chihuahuan Deserts



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Xeriscape use. Very good for revegetation. Use for background.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun, takes heat
Desert soil with good drainage.

Information Sources

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Onagraceae*

Calylophus hartwegii & varieties

COMMON NAME:

Calylophus, Yellow Evening Primrose

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Spring to Summer

Water Use - 3: indicates moderate water use.

After establishment water every 1 - 3 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 2' Height: 1' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: Yes

Spreads in cultivated areas: Yes

Cold Hardiness: °F 0

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Chichuhuan and Sonoran Deserts



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Perennial with flowers that smell like chocolate. Use for borders and color. Short life.

Growing Conditions:

It likes filtered shade to full sun, Grows well in soil with good drainage.

Information Sources

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BOTANICAL NAME:

Family: *Fabaceae*

Dalea greggii

COMMON NAME:

Trailing Indigo Bush

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Spring to Summer

Water Use - 2: indicates low water use.

After establishment water every 2 - 4 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 7' Height: 1.5' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 15

Elevation: 2,000' to 4,500'

Origin: Chihuahuan Deserts



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

An evergreen ground cover that is also a stabilizer and prefers rocky hillsides. It is rabbit resistant.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun,
Soil tolerant with good drainage.

Information Sources

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Verbenaceae*

Lantana montevidensis

COMMON NAME:

Trailing Lantana

Flower Color: White

Bloom season: Spring to Summer

Water Use - 3: indicates moderate water use.

After establishment water every 1 - 3 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 6' Height: 1' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 25

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: South America



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Trailing Lantana does well on south and west exposures. Use as a ground cover. Should be used in a well defined area as it can spread all over the place.

Growing Conditions:

It likes part, full or reflected sun,
Soil tolerant.

Information Sources

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Asteraceae*

Melampodium Leucanthum

COMMON NAME:

Blackfoot Daisy

Flower Color: White with Yellow centers

Bloom season: Early Spring to Fall

Water Use - 2: indicates low water use.

After establishment water every 2 - 4 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Winter

Apply water September through March; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 2' Height: 1' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: Yes

Spreads in cultivated areas: Yes

Cold Hardiness: °F 15

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Sonoran & Chihuahuan Deserts



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Evergreen. Use in a Xeriscape garden or massed for color in the front of contrasting plants. Low maintenance.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun, takes heat
Desert soil with good drainage.

Information Sources

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Asparagaceae*

Myoporum parvifolium

COMMON NAME:

Purple Myoporum

Flower Color: White

Bloom season: Spring to Summer

Water Use - 3: indicates moderate water use.

After establishment water every 1 - 3 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 7' Height: 0.5' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 25

Elevation: 1,000' to 5,000'

Origin: Australia



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Grows fast and will spread all over the place. It makes for good erosion control. Can be used along walkways. Low maintenance.

Growing Conditions:

It likes part shade to full sun, Soil tolerant with good drainage.

Information Sources

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BOTANICAL NAME: *Rosmarinus officinalis* & varieties 'prostratus'
Family: *Labiatae*

COMMON NAME:

Rosemary, Dwarf Rosemary

Flower Color: 

Bloom season: Spring and Fall

Water Use - 2: indicates low water use.

After establishment water every 2 - 4 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 2' Height: 6' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F 15

Elevation: 0' to 5,000'

Origin: Mediterranean



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Standing Rosemary should be used rather than the prostrate. Use as a hedge. Use for background.

Growing Conditions:

It likes part to full or reflected sun,
Soil tolerant with good drainage.

Information Sources

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BOTANICAL NAME: Family: *Lamiaceae*

Teucrium chamaedrys (prostratum)

COMMON NAME:

Creeping Germander, Prostrate Germander

Flower Color:



Bloom season: Spring and Summer

Water Use - 2: indicates low water use.

After establishment water every 2 - 4 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer

Apply water March through September; less frequently in off season.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 2' Height: 1' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: Yes

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: No

Spreads in cultivated areas: No

Cold Hardiness: °F -20

Elevation: 0' to 5,000'

Origin: Mediterranean



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

Aromatic evergreen foliage is good for edging. Can be masses or grouped and used in rock gardens. Often it is used in European style herbal gardens.

Growing Conditions:

It likes full sun,
Tolerates poor soil with good drainage.

Information Sources

Low Water Use/Drought Tolerant Plant List - Official Regulatory List For: - Arizona Department of Water Resources - Tucson Active Management Area

Plants for Dry Climates: Duffield, Mary Rose and Jones, Warren - Revised Edition © 2001

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BOTANICAL NAME:

Family: *Onagraceae*

Zephranthes spp.

COMMON NAME:

Rainlilies

Flower Color:   White

Bloom season: Spring to Summer

Water Use - 3: indicates moderate water use.

After establishment water every 1 - 3 weeks during the growing season.

Growing season: Summer, Winter
Apply water as necessary.

During hot summer months this plant may need to be watered more often.

Characteristics:

Width: 2.5' Height: 1' (50% to 75% mature size)

Toxic: No

Allergenicity: No

Invasive: Yes

Spreads in cultivated areas: Yes

Cold Hardiness: °F 0

Elevation: Below 4,500'

Origin: S. Africa



Picture: Rich Benda

Landscape Use:

A perennial that blooms in early spring. Useful in rock gardens and informal flower beds.

Growing Conditions:

It likes part shade to full or reflected sun,
Tolerates poor soil with good drainage.

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