



ARIZONA-SONORA
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Confiturilla Grande *Lagascea decipiens*

DESCRIPTION: This interesting shrub is a spring and summer bloomer and is a favorite nectar source for local butterflies. It grows with fine branches up to 5' tall and is evergreen unless drought or cold-stressed. Flowers are bright yellow and in clusters on the ends of stems, attracting many butterflies such as Painted Ladies, Skippers, Checkered Whites, and Funereal Duskywings. The northern end of its natural habitat is Kitt Peak, Arizona, ranging south into southern Sonora.

RECOMMENDED USE: A good shrub to include in group plantings where it can blend in until it blooms. Also attractive in a rock garden or irrigated enhanced desert.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Tested to around 22°F at which it suffered some stem damage, but recovered quickly.



Sun tolerance: Can take light shade to full sun.



Watering and feeding: Needs regular irrigation. Feed sparingly in spring and early summer.



Soil requirements: Heavy clay soil with poor drainage should be avoided.



Pruning: Occasional severe pruning results in more compact plants with denser foliage. Do not prune after May or summer flowers may be sacrificed.