



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

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RECOMMENDED USE: Use as an accent or specimen. Good for shade and makes an imposing barrier. Can be kept in a large patio container.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Leaf damage can occur below 25°F with major damage below 20.



Sun tolerance: Can take full sun to moderate shade.



Watering and feeding: Does best with regular water, but is drought tolerant once established. Fertilizing in the ground is not necessary, but is so if containerized.



Soil requirements: Best in sandy soil, but tolerates most soils.



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