



# ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

## PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### **Brick-red Pea Flower** *Brongniartia tenuifolia*

**DESCRIPTION:** Little is known horticulturally about this twiggy perennial shrub. It grows naturally in the Tropical Deciduous Forests of northern Mexico. It grows at a moderate rate to around 3' tall. It is open and wand-like. An attractive feature of this species is its blooms, which as the name suggests, are brick-red to burgundy-red. They are pea-flower shaped and occur in the summer.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Not a structurally showy plant, but fits in well with other shrubs for a splash of color in the summer.

#### **CULTURE:**



**Hardiness:** Has survived 18°F at the Desert Museum.



**Sun tolerance:** Full sun to light all-day shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Low to moderate water needs. Fertilization is not necessary.



**Soil requirements:** Any soil will do.



**Pruning:** Lightly, as needed to shape.