



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Carlowrightia *Carlowrightia arizonica*

DESCRIPTION: Tropical in origin, Carlowrightia is well adapted to desert climates, and can be found throughout the Sonoran Desert region. This seldom noticed plant becomes quite showy when it blooms. Flowers are pale ivory and look like little butterflies. Blooming occurs a couple of times during the warm season; usually in response to rain. It seeds freely and will pop up throughout a watered garden. Otherwise, its twiggy growth allows it to hide in the landscape.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use as a hidden seasonal accent. Good natural food source for desert tortoises.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: It grows in areas that regularly see winter temperatures in the mid-teens.



Sun tolerance: Carlowrightia takes full sun but does best in light to moderate shade.



Watering and feeding: Low water use once established. Fertilizing is not necessary.



Soil requirements: Most any soil in the ground.



Pruning: Little needed.