



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Balloon Vine or Bolsilla *Cardiospermum corindum*

DESCRIPTION: This attractive vine is native to washes and rocky slopes in the Sonoran Desert regions of Baja California and Sonora, Mexico. Clusters of tiny, white flowers occur in the warm season. Blue and Hairstreak butterflies are attracted to the blooms. Balloon Vine gets its name from the unusual inflated seed pods which follow the bloom. It may be killed back to near the ground by hard frost, but quickly grows back in the late spring. It can be aggressive, and control may be needed to keep it from smothering plants it climbs on.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use on a trellis, fence, or with care on larger trees.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Balloon Vine is probably hardy to at least 25°F. If frost damaged, it will quickly regrow from the crown.



Sun tolerance: Full sun to light shade.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water usage; lower once established. Feed twice during the growing season (April-October).



Soil requirements: Not particular.



Pruning: Frost damage can be pruned back to near the ground in the spring. Mid-season pruning may be necessary to control growth.



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