



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

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Sun tolerance: Mistflower does well in full sun with regular irrigation or in partial shade given drier conditions.



Watering and feeding: Water needs are moderate after establishment. Fertilize in spring and mid-summer.



Soil requirements: Performs best in an enriched loam or loamy clay.



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