



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Tesajo *Cylindropuntia tesajo*

DESCRIPTION: This spurge is an uncommon native to the northern coasts of the Gulf of California, in Sonora and Baja California. It can reach a size of 4' tall by as much across, but is easy to keep smaller. Its flowers are not terribly showy, being small and white. It is the plant's form is quite striking.

RECOMMENDED USE: Potted accent.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Frost hardy to around 29° F.



Sun tolerance: Sun or light shade; may sunburn in full sun in May and June.



Watering and feeding: Water up to once a week during the hottest months. Discontinue watering during winter dormancy. Feed two or three times during the year.



Soil requirements: A well-drained potting mix.



Pruning: Only to remove frozen branches or to control size. NOTE: As with many plants in the spurge family, Waxy Spurge has milky sap that may be poisonous and can stain clothing.