



## ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Ocotillo Blanco Pichilingue *Fouquieria burragei*

**DESCRIPTION:** This relative of our local ocotillo can be found growing in the Sonoran Desert along the gulf coast of Baja California Sur, from Mulege to Bahia Pichilingue at La Paz. More open and structurally interesting than our local ocotillo, it can grow into a shrub of 12' to 15'. In container culture it can easily be kept at a manageable size. It may go deciduous in the winter. An unusual aspect of this species is that the flowers are white (some plants tend towards pink), occurring in clusters at the ends of the stems. Flowering can occur most anytime from spring through fall.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Can be kept in a large pot, or in ground as an accent, or rock gardens in warmest parts of town.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** It is frost tender, suffering damage as low temperatures dip below 27°F. Keep it in a container that can be moved indoors or under shelter during freezing weather if you live in a colder section of Tucson.



**Sun tolerance:** This plant thrives in full sun but can tolerate some light shade. If kept in too much shade it will grow leggy and bloom less.



**Watering and feeding:** When in leaf (in warm weather) in a container, treat it almost like a leafy shrub, watering in 2 or 3 times a week.



**Soil requirements:** Use a fast draining potting soil. Plant in well-drained soil in the ground.



**Pruning:** Rarely required, but can be done any time.