



# ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

## PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Lavender Orchid Vine

*Mascagnia lilacina*

**DESCRIPTION:** Native to Mexico, this Chihuahuan Desert native is attractive and fast-growing. It produces purple flowers during all but the coldest months of the year. Lavender Orchid Vine is noted mostly for the conspicuous winged fruits to two inches across. Hardy and usually evergreen, it forms a spread of about 20 feet.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Provides an excellent summer screen on a lattice or fence.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Lavender Orchid Vine is hardy to the low 20's. It will recover rapidly even if frozen to the ground.



**Sun tolerance:** Will grow in full sun or light shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Moderate; water about once or twice a week during the hottest months for vigorous growth. Will survive on rainfall but will lose leaves in very dry periods. Feed once or twice a growing season.



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**Soil requirements:** Will probably grow in almost any soil, but a well-drained soil is best.



**Pruning:** Remove frost-killed growth if desired, though new growth will quickly cover it.