



# ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

## PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Mountain Marigold

*Tagetes palmeri / lemmonii*

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**Hardiness:** Tender below 20°F, but recovers quickly in the spring. Frost terminates flowering.



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