



# ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

## PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Talayote

*Asclepias eriocarpa*

**DESCRIPTION:** Like other milkweeds Talayote is both an important food and nectar source for monarch butterflies. Talayote is native to southern and central California's chaparral and oak woodland biotic communities. It can grow to 3 ft., has beautiful silvery green foliage, and produces large creamy-yellow flowers.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Bird and butterfly gardens as well as accent for striking form and color.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** This species is hardy to about 20° - 25°



**Sun tolerance:** Light shade, at least in the afternoon will make for a less stressed, better blooming plant.



**Watering and feeding:** Moderate water usage to start; lower after establishment. Feed twice during the growing season (March-November).



**Soil requirements:** Best in non-caliche soil.



**Pruning:** Old stems can be pruned back near the ground as new stems arise at base.