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Willow Groundsel or Ruina *Barkleyanthus salicifolius*

DESCRIPTION: Willow Groundsel is an evergreen shrub which can grow up to 8 feet tall. The blooms consist of heads of yellow ray flowers and yellow-orange disk flowers, up to 1¼ inch wide. Flowers give off a rotting smell to attract flies for pollination. Even so, its wintertime bloom makes it a great plant for local gardens. It is a great attractant for many species of butterflies. Its natural habitat is the desert environs, up to and including oak woodland areas where it occupies open, sandy washes bajadas, and roadsides. This plant occurs from southern Arizona, southwestern New Mexico, and Texas to Guatemala.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use (in the background) as an accent, for flower color, in shade, as a screen or barrier, and to attract wildlife.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: To at least 10°F.



Sun tolerance: Full sun to medium shade.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water use. Fertilize in the fall.



Soil requirements: Any soil which drains.



Pruning: As needed