Rio Grande Butterfly Bush
*Buddleja sessiliflora*

**DESCRIPTION:** Rio Grande Butterfly Bush is an open evergreen or deciduous shrub great for light shade situations. Its bright green foliage gives a cooling effect to the landscape. It will grow to 5 feet tall and as wide. Flowers are greenish and occur in marble-sized clumps of flowers year-round. The scent, described as “sweet ammonia” attracts butterflies. Rio Grande Butterfly Bush is native from Texas to Arizona, Sonora, and Baja California Sur.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** A great tropical accent for its foliage color and bright flowers. It can be kept in a large patio container.

**CULTURE:**

- **Hardiness:** to at least 18°F.
- **Sun tolerance:** It is very tolerant of heat, but may do better out of the afternoon sun.
- **Watering and feeding:** Moderate water use. Feeding not necessary in the ground.
- **Soil requirements:** It prefers well-drained soil.
- **Pruning:** As needed to shape and control.