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### Starleaf Mexican Orange *Choisya dumosa*

**DESCRIPTION:** Starleaf Mexican orange grows in sandy and rocky slopes in the Trans-Pecos into New Mexico and Arizona, south through most of Mexico. It is a rounded low shrub with fine-textured, aromatic, evergreen foliage. Flowers are white, very fragrant, and long-blooming; appear from spring to fall. It is extremely heat and drought tolerant and cold hardy. Starleaf Mexican orange's many favorable characteristics make it a desirable landscape ornamental. It is in the citrus family and is a favored larval plant of Swallowtail butterflies.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Use as a low screen, barrier, or ground cover where its fragrance can be enjoyed.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Down to 0°F.



**Sun tolerance:** Full sun to very light shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Drought tolerant once established, but appreciates regular water. No fertilization needed except in kept in a container.



**Soil requirements:** To thrive it needs extremely well-drained, mineral soil.



**Pruning:** Seldom needed.