



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Waxy Spurge *Euphorbia ceroderma*

DESCRIPTION: This spurge is an uncommon native to the northern coasts of the Gulf of California, in Sonora and Baja California. Waxy Spurge can reach a size of 4' tall by as much across, but is easy to keep smaller. Its flowers are not terribly showy, being small and white. It is the plant's zig-zag growth form is quite striking.

RECOMMENDED USE: Potted accent.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Frost hardy to around 30°F.



Sun tolerance: Sun or light shade; may sunburn in full sun in May and June.



Watering and feeding: Water up to once a week during the hottest months. Discontinue watering during winter dormancy. Feed two or three times during the year.



Soil requirements: A well-drained potting mix.



Pruning: Only to remove frozen branches or to control size. NOTE: As with many plants in the spurge family, Waxy Spurge has milky sap that may be poisonous and can stain clothing.