

ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Trailing Lantana

Lantana montevidensis

DESCRIPTION: This species of Lantana is a sprawling subshrub that can spread to 6' across or more, making a nice ground cover. Growth rate is quick, and the plant can be evergreen in mild winter years. Flowers are usually rich violet, although there is a white flowered form on the market. The flowers appear throughout the year, except the weeks following a severe freeze. This Lantana is native to South America. Trailing Lantana is an excellent nectar source for Skippers.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use as an accent, for color, cascading, or as a ground cover, and to attract butterflies.

CULTURE:

Hardiness: Will show leaf burn at 30°F and severe stem damage in the middle to upper

20's. Protect from freezes if possible to insure continued blooms.

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Sun tolerance: Best blooms are in full sun to light shade.

Watering and feeding: Moderate water user. Feed every other month in the warm season.



Soil requirements: Most soils that drain are good.

Pruning: Pruning removes flower buds, so limit pruning. Leave frost damage on until late March.