

ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Santa Rita Acacia Mariosousa (Acacia) millefolia

DESCRIPTION: This woody shrub or small tree is a fine choice for a patio or small garden. It grows at a moderate rate to 6-10' tall or so. The delicate foliage adds to its charm. It is winter deciduous. Blooms are 2" long catkin-like spikes of ivory flowers. Flowering occurs in the summer. Santa Rita Acacia is native to the border region of southern Arizona and Sonora, in the grasslands and oak zones.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use as a fine-textured accent, patio garden tree, or in an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape.

CULTURE:

Hardiness: Hardy to at least 10°F.

Sun tolerance: Full sun to light shade

Watering and feeding: Needs regular water after establishment. No fertilization necessary.



Soil requirements: Any soil, although it prefers deeper soil.



Pruning: Sparingly, as needed.