



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Snapdragon Vine or Mipil *Maurandya antirrhiniflora*

DESCRIPTION: Snapdragon Vine is a charming perennial vine with tiny ivy-like leaves. It can be evergreen in mild winters, but will come back from the roots if frozen. The blue or red, one-inch snapdragon-like flowers are borne singly along the stems in waves of response to rain or watering. The flowering season lasts from early spring through late fall. Snapdragon Vine sets seed readily and may volunteer in some soils. Growth rate is fast, and given string, fine fence wire, or a shrub it will climb to 5' or more. Both flowers and foliage are favorites of desert tortoises. It is native to rocky canyons and washes in Arizona and adjacent Sonora, Mexico. It is a larval food plant for Common Buckeye Butterflies.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use as an accent, climbing into a shrub or on a fence. Also could be used in a hanging pot.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Stems freeze in the mid-20°F's but the roots are hardy to around 10°F .



Sun tolerance: Full sun to moderate shade. Blooms better with light.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water use; perhaps every 4-6 days in the summer in the ground. Feed after growth starts in springtime.



Soil requirements: Seems to do its best in sandy, well-drained soil.



Pruning: Prune back dead material or to control.