



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Trompillo *Merremia palmeri*

DESCRIPTION: Trompillo is a perennial vine grows rapidly to 10 feet or more each year. In the summer it bears two-inch, white flowers at night. These attract Hawk Moths to their nectar. In our region it usually freezes to the ground in winter, but this scarcely sets it back, as it resprouts readily in the spring.

RECOMMENDED USE: Excellent for a summer screen on a fence or trellis; will also climb over shrubs and into trees.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Freezes but regrows vigorously.



Sun tolerance: Full sun to moderate shade.



Watering and feeding: Somewhat drought tolerant, but the more water given, the faster and bigger it grows.



Soil requirements: Grows largest in deep soils but is tolerant of all but very heavy clay.



Pruning: Can be pruned back to near soil level in March, before new growth starts.