



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Fern Acacia or Guajillo

Acaciella (Acacia) angustissima

DESCRIPTION: Fern Acacia is an open shrub with fern-like leaves. It can be found in many habitats of the Sonoran Desert. It may be killed back near the ground by frost, but quickly regrows to about 4 feet tall. The flowers are small ball-catkins, milk-white in color. It readily blooms in the summer, from June through September, attracting many species of butterflies. Its leaves are food for caterpillars of the Mexican Sulphur, and Skippers (Hippalus, Acacia, and Caicus) butterflies.

RECOMMENDED USE: Good for a rock garden or enhanced desert gardening.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: This species can be found at middle elevations, and is probably hardy to at least 10°F. If damaged by frost it will quickly regrow from the crown.



Sun tolerance: Full sun to light shade.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water usage; lower once established. Feed twice during the growing season (April-October).



Soil requirements: Not particular.



Pruning: Can be pruned back near the ground and allowed to resprout in the spring.