



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Desert Rock Pea *Acmispon (Lotus) rigidus*

DESCRIPTION: Also called shrubby deervetch, Desert Rock Pea is a twiggly perennial native from southern Utah and Nevada south into northwestern Mexico. Open growth can reach 2' in height and width. In the late winter and through spring it is sprinkled with yellow and orange pea-shaped flowers. It takes harsh conditions once established. Pollinators include bees and hummingbirds. Desert tortoises relish the plants.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use in an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape, patio container, or to attract wildlife.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: 0°F.



Sun tolerance: Best in full sun to very light shade



Watering and feeding: Low once established. It can become leggy with too much water. Fertilizing not necessary.



Soil requirements: Best in soil with good drainage.



Pruning: Seldom needed.