



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Blue Elf Aloe *Aloe humilis* hybrid

DESCRIPTION: Aloe species are from Africa and the Middle East and display a variety of growth habits; some form extended trunks crowned with rosettes, while others stay low to the ground. One thing that all of these plants have in common however, is a floral display in the late winter\early spring that is irresistible to hummingbirds and may be visited by butterflies. This cultivated variety is a hybrid (*A. humilis* × ?) selected for its compact, clumping form and beautiful orange flowers from January to April. It can grow to 18” tall by 2’ wide.

RECOMMENDED USE: Useful in containers or in the ground in mass plantings.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Most species need frost protection. We recommend protection of this plant at temperatures below 26°F.



Sun tolerance: Light to moderate shade is recommended.



Watering and feeding: Water more frequently during the winter growing season, about once a week; water sporadically during the summer months. Feed once or twice in the late fall.



Soil requirements: Well-drained potting mix (or sandy soil in the ground).



Pruning: Let finished flower stalks dry. They can then be easily pulled out without leaving a stub.