

ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Aloe species

Aloe spp.

DESCRIPTION: Aloes, and their close relatives Haworthias & Gasterias are from Africa and the Middle East. They 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.

RECOMMENDED USE: Display as potted accents and protected in the winter.



Hardiness: Most species need frost protection, although some are hardy in Tucson.



Sun tolerance: Light shade recommended.



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



Soil requirements: Well-drained potting mix.



Pruning: Only dead flower stalks.