



# ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

## PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### **Uruquenía** *Croton ciliato-glandulifer*

**DESCRIPTION:** This interesting plant grows in the sub-tropical areas of Sonora and Baja California Sur, Mexico. It is a small shrub, becoming as much as 2½ ' tall by 3' wide. Clusters of delicate white flowers adorn the plant throughout much of the warm season, drawing in Blue Butterflies to its nectar. Up close, the stems, leaves and flower buds are covered with filamentous golden stalked glands. It is evergreen except during drought and after hard freezes.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** In a container or it can be used in a mixed planting, but keep up close so that its delicate beauty can be enjoyed.

#### **CULTURE:**



**Hardiness:** Uruquenía has been tested to 24°F, when it suffered leaf drop and minor twig damage.



**Sun tolerance:** It does well in full sun to light shade. Deep shade will reduce the flowering and make the plant leggy.



**Watering and feeding:** In a container it will need daily watering in the summer. In the ground it is a low to moderate water user. Flowering can be increased with use of regular, deep waterings. Feed once to twice a year during the growing season.



**Soil requirements:** Loose potting soil for containers. Most any soil that drains will work in the ground.



**Pruning:** If necessary, prune after a big bloom or after chance of freeze.



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