



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Pea Bush *Dalea pulchra*

DESCRIPTION: Pea Bush is a small shrub which can be found growing in mid-elevations of the Sonoran Desert. It grows at a moderate rate to 3' tall or so, and is usually quite compact. It is evergreen, with grey-green foliage, and is quite floriferous. Pea Bush puts on quite a show of magenta blooms after rains or with regular watering. Butterflies are attracted to its blooms and Dogface butterflies use it as a larval food source.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use in a wildlife garden, as an accent for its flowers, a border, or in an enhanced desert landscape.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Pea Bush is hardy into the low 20°F's.



Sun tolerance: It grows and blooms its best in full sun to light shade.



Watering and feeding: Low to moderate water use, depending on how well established it is and if you wish to push it for blooms. Water at least once a week after establishment.



Soil requirements: It does well in sandy soil but tolerates any soil that drains.



Pruning: Not necessary.