



# ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

## PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Western Wallflower

*Erysimum capitatum*

**DESCRIPTION:** Western Wallflower is a biennial, meaning its first year is as a rosette of leaves, building reserves. The second season, it puts forth all its energy into a spectacular bloom. Flowers occur on a branched spike and are variable in color, depending on where the seed was collected. Flowers are most typically bright golden, yellow, or tangerine-colored, but plants in some populations may have red, white or purple flowers. Each flower has four flat petals. The 1-2' tall spikes normally occur from May to July. It will reseed in favorable locations. Native It has a huge native range, throughout western North America.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Use as a seasonal accent; a splash of color, especially in light shade. Can be a good container plant.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** 0°F.



**Sun tolerance:** Better in light shade; at least in the afternoon.



**Watering and feeding:**



**Soil requirements:** Best in sandy or well-drained soil.



**Pruning:** None necessary. Allow the flowering spike to ripen on the plant for reseeding purposes.