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### Mexican Bottle Tree *Fouquieria purpusii*

**DESCRIPTION:** Mexican Bottle Tree is native from central to southern Mexico where it grows on the rocky hill-sides in well-drained soil. The stem will get 10" wide and reach 12 feet tall. The flowers are white. Our plants are grown from rooted side branches, so we are waiting to see if they develop a thick trunk.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Because of its tenderness, it may be best kept in a container.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness** Young plants (< 1' tall) should be protected against freezes below 32°F. Larger plants can take temperatures down in to the middle 20's.



**Sun tolerance:** Light shade. Too much shade can lead to leggy growth and poor health. Half day sun is okay, but all day shade will lead to poor growth.



**Watering and feeding:** Give very little water when deciduous. In containers, water thoroughly about once a week to 10 days when it is leaf. Watering should be cut back to about once every 2-3 weeks once leaves drop. Fertilize monthly when in leaf with a basic liquid fertilizer.



**Soil requirements:** In containers, use a loose potting soil with sand or pumice added.



**Pruning:** None needed.