



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Baja or Bush Snapdragon

Galvezia juncea

DESCRIPTION: Baja Snapdragon is an evergreen mounding subshrub with long, vining stems. It will grow at a good rate to 4' tall. Flowers are tubular and red, attracting hummingbirds. The blooms can occur in any month, but is particularly heavy in late spring. A blue-green form (cv. Gran Cañon) grows from a clump up to 5' tall, giving it a vase-shape. Cultivar 'Punta Banda' is a light green form and is entirely different. The stems are so crowded that the plant is shaped more like a thicket than a vase. It will fill a large space if left unchecked, but will tolerate pruning very well. Baja Snapdragon is native to the Sonoran Desert in central and northern Baja California.

RECOMMENDED USE: Because the plant itself is open and airy, the flowers are the main show. Cultivars can be used as a small background hedge or perennial border. Use for color and to attract wildlife.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Hardy to 22°F.



Sun tolerance: Full sun or light shade. It will bloom less and become floppy in deep shade.



Watering and feeding: Low to moderate water use. Once a week is fine, once established. Feed 2-3 times a year.



Soil requirements: Best in sandy soil, but any soil that drains will do.



Pruning: Light pruning to shape is okay.