



## ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### **Airy Bachelor's Buttons** *Gomphrena decumbens*

**DESCRIPTION:** Airy Bachelor's Buttons is a beautiful perennial native in the mountains of the Sierra Madre Occidentalis from Sonora to central Mexico. It creates the typical papery "Bachelor Buttons" flowers but they are tiny & form by the thousands on each plant. They are cute magenta-purple balls that occur on wiry white stems and create a floating flower effect. It forms a mound about 3' X 3' and blooms from summer through fall. We've observed tiny butterflies and native bees on the flowers.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Use as colorful accents. Makes beautiful cut and dried flowers.

#### **CULTURE:**



**Hardiness:** 20°F.



**Sun tolerance:** Full sun to moderate shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Requires regular watering. Fertilizing is only necessary in containers.



**Soil requirements:** Any soil that drains.



**Pruning:** Cut back any time to control.