



# ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

## PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Island Renegade

*Henrya insularis*

**DESCRIPTION:** Little is known about this plant in culture, as it is rarely grown. We know it to be a semi-tropical species, from Sonora, Mexico and south. It makes a beautiful low mound of velvety-leaves about 2' tall by 3' across. It flowers freely with ¾" ivory and maroon flowers with petals spread to appear as a butterfly. Flowering starts in March and can occur any time the plant is growing and has good water. It is evergreen in Tucson except during extreme frosts.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Use as an accent, flowers, a mounding ground cover, or keep in a pot.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** We have tested this species to 27°F with no damage. It is recommended that it be protected from temperatures of 25°F or less.



**Sun tolerance:** Island Renegade takes full sun to moderate shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Moderate water use in a pot (3-5 times a week in warm weather), but less in the ground. Feed several times a season with a complete plant food.



**Soil requirements:** Most any soil in the ground. Use a rich potting soil in containers.



**Pruning:** Little needed after flowering, but can be cut back to a few inches to control size and tighten up growth.