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Sonoran Milkweed Vine *Matelea altatensis*

DESCRIPTION: Sonoran Milkweed vine is a new introduction to horticulture by the Desert Museum. It is a perennial, semi-woody twining vine. Flowering occurs from late spring through the summer. Blooms are small and greenish. Many species of butterflies are attracted to the flowers. The attractive green and white fruiting pods are elongated and have raised ridges. Sonoran Milkweed Vine is native to the coastal areas of Sonora, Mexico.

RECOMMENDED USE: An interesting accent to attract butterflies. Can easily be trained onto a wire fence or trellis.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Unknown, but thought to be at least 22°F.



Sun tolerance: Full sun to moderate shade



Watering and feeding: Moderate water use. Fertilization not necessary.



Soil requirements: Any soil will do.



Pruning: Can be cut back to control any time.