



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Devil's Shoestring or Sacahuista

Nolina texensis

DESCRIPTION:

The Devil's Shoestring (a type of beargrass) has mounding, grass-like foliage that over time can reach 6' or more across, but is often half that size, with a height of a couple of feet. It is a superb native species that grows in the form of an evergreen vase of grassy, cord-like foliage. Clusters of creamy to greenish-white flowers are produced on short stalks in the spring to early summer. This species occurs naturally from central Texas and New Mexico into Northern Mexico.

RECOMMENDED USE: Great in rock gardens or spaced out for groundcover. It is outstanding on ledges or in containers where its long, wiry foliage can drape. This tough plant can be used like an evergreen grass. Its form echoes that of agaves and yuccas.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Extremely hardy; to at least -20°F.



Sun tolerance: Full sun to part shade.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water use to establish; then low. Fertilize quarterly in a container.



Soil requirements: In habitat Devil's shoestring prefers exposed sites in poor soil. It can tolerate most soils types in cultivation, but does better with good drainage.



Pruning: None necessary if planted away from paths.