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Skullcap

Scutellaria potosina var. tessellata

DESCRIPTION: Skullcap, also known as *Scutellaria tessellata*, is an attractive native herbaceous perennial. Stems grow from a woody base. Small oval, evergreen leaf blades often get a purplish hue when stressed. Stems are covered with small violet flowers from August through October in habitat, but can start much earlier in cultivation. Blooms are visited by a variety of butterflies. Skullcap can be found on rocky slopes and in canyons in Southern New Mexico, Arizona, and northern Mexico.

RECOMMENDED USE: Best used up close in a small garden, mini-oasis, or in a container or hanging pot.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: At least down to 18 F.



Sun tolerance: Best in light shade, but can tolerate moderate all-day shade



Watering and feeding: Moderate water use. Fertilize monthly spring through summer.



Soil requirements: Best in rich, loose, sandy soils.



Pruning: Can be cut back if growth is spindly.