



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Baja California Senna

Senna purpusii

DESCRIPTION: This senna is a medium shrub usually growing to 6' tall by 5' wide or less. The dense, leathery foliage is an attractive purple-green color. It is evergreen, except in frosty areas. Flowers are clusters of bright yellow pea-like blooms occurring in the cool season from as early as late October until early May. *Senna purpusii* is native to coastal hills in the Vizcaíno region of the Sonoran Desert in central Baja California. Sulphur butterflies are attracted to all the sennas. Hairstreak and Blue butterflies also utilize this plant.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use as an accent, foundation, or a low unclipped hedge.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Marginal hardiness; damage can occur at 27°F and death below 20.



Sun tolerance: Grows and blooms best in full sun, but can tolerate light shade.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water usage. Feeding not necessary.



Soil requirements: Needs good drainage.



Pruning: Rarely needs pruning. Avoid pruning after September to preserve flower buds.