



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Adelia *Adelia obovata*

DESCRIPTION: This unusual plant grows naturally in the desert hills around Caborca and Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. Wand-like stems resemble ocotillo, but are spineless. This species is in the spurge family (Euphorbiaceae). It is fairly fast growing, reaching 10' tall or more. Clusters of tiny, white flowers decorate the stems in the late spring or early summer.

RECOMMENDED USE: Can be used as an accent or specimen in an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape, or can be kept in a large patio container.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: We have had stem damage at 20°F, but they survived a severe 15°F freezes in 2011 & 2013.



Sun tolerance: Can take full sun to part-day shade.



Watering and feeding: Low water use once established. Fertilizing not necessary in the ground.



Soil requirements: Any soil which drains will do.



Pruning: As needed to shape and control