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Papaltillo *Guardiola platyphylla*

DESCRIPTION: Papaltillo (sometimes called Apache Plant) grows on rocky slopes and in rocky, oak-juniper canyons in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. It is a herbaceous perennial (sometimes becoming a small bush) with blue-green leaves that nearly clasp the stems. Flowers appear in spring and summer. Small open clusters of white flowers don't lead most people to realize that it is in the sunflower family.

RECOMMENDED USE: Great for a shade garden or patio container.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: 0°F.



Sun tolerance: Morning sun or all-day light shade.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water use. Fertilize in early spring and as the monsoon begins.



Soil requirements: Best in richer, well-drained soil.



Pruning: Can be pruned to 2" if necessary.