



## ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Mexican Tarragon or Yerbanís *Tagetes lucida*

**DESCRIPTION:** This delightful montane shrub has aromatic leaves. It blooms with abundant yellow flowers through the late fall and early winter months. It is a fast growing, broadleaf perennial. It derives its name from the licorice-scented simple leaves, which may be used in tea. The species grows to two feet tall and wide (occasionally 3'-4').

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Plant in the transition zone of moderate water use plants.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Foliage is tender below 25°F, but roots can survive to near 10°F. It will recover quickly in the spring. Frost terminates flowering.



**Sun tolerance:** It requires protection from full afternoon sun. Plants will be leggy in deeper shade but will still flower.



**Watering and feeding:** Requires more water the first year; about twice a week during the hottest months, then once a week in subsequent years. Fertilize two or three times a year.



**Soil requirements:** Grows on almost any soil except probably heavy clay.



**Pruning:** Prune nearly to the ground in late winter or early spring, after flowering, for more vigorous growth. Prune in the early summer for more compact growth.