



# ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

## PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Pipevine or Hierba del Indio

*Aristolochia quercitorum*

**DESCRIPTION:** This pipevine is a mat-forming groundcover native to the tropical deciduous forests of southern Sonora and Sinaloa, Mexico. A single plant can cover an area of 10 square feet or more. The felty-green leaves are 2 inches long. Flowers are maroon, and appear along the stems. It is a good larval plant for the Pipevine Swallowtail butterfly.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Use as a ground cover or in a container to attract butterflies.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Hardy to 20F. It is evergreen unless frozen; roots are hardy.



**Sun tolerance:** Full morning sun to moderate all-day shade.



**Watering and feeding:** On the light side of moderate water use. Fertilization is usually not needed unless kept in a container, but occasionally (twice a season) appreciated.



**Soil requirements:** Any soil, but thrives in deep, sandy soil.



**Pruning:** To control or to remove winter frozen stems.