

ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Button Brittlebush

Encelia frutescens

DESCRIPTION: Button Brittlebush is named for its' button-like yellow flower heads. Many species of native bees and butterflies flock to the blooms in the spring and summer. It is a small woody shrub, growing to as much as 4' tall. Button Brittlebush is native throughout the desert in Arizona, and adjacent states and northwestern Mexico.

RECOMMENDED USE: This low-maintenance native is great for revegetation or an enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape.

CULTURE:

Hardiness: 10°F.

Sun tolerance: Best growth and bloom in full sun.

Watering and feeding: Once established, Button Brittlebush can get by with minimal irrigation or just rainfall. Fertilizing is not necessary.



Soil requirements: Does best on soils that drain.

Pruning: Any time as needed.