



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Blackfoot Daisy *Melampodium leucanthum*

DESCRIPTION: Blackfoot Daisy is a wonderful plant for desert landscapes in Arizona. The small white flowers have yellow centers, and cover the small mound of foliage during the bloom season. They have a light fragrance in the evening and early morning. In low deserts the flowering is heaviest in spring and fall, while summer is the showiest season in the high deserts. The plant itself has narrow grey-green leaves, and stays low, about 12 inches tall by 15 to 18 inches wide. The stems are quite brittle, so it is not suited to high traffic areas. It is highly tolerant of reflected heat exposures. It is reported to be deer resistant and is attractive to bees and butterflies. Blackfoot Daisy is native from Arizona to Kansas and Texas, south into Chihuahua and Sonora, Mexico.

RECOMMENDED USE: Wonderful plants for seasonal flower color and ground cover singly or in mass plantings, low border, and in enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Not only is Blackfoot Daisy hardy to 0°F, but it will recover from temperatures down to -20° F!



Sun tolerance: Plant Blackfoot daisy in full sun for best form and flowering.



Watering and feeding: It needs irrigation to establish and thrive so water regularly, but be careful not to over water.



Soil requirements: Well-drained soil is a must.



Pruning: Can be dead-headed after a big bloom to tidy up its appearance or to prevent seed formation.