

ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Swizzle Sticks

Senecio anteuphorbium

DESCRIPTION: This unusual looking stem succulent belongs to the sunflower family of plants. Underground shoots emerge to form erect thick silvery-green stems with small leaves that may quickly fall off. The white flowers begin appearing in spring and occur sporadically during hot weather. Swizzle Sticks is native to North Africa to the Arabian peninsula.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use in a protected planter or as a patio container or hanging pot.

CULTURE:

Hardiness: Protect below freezing.



Sun tolerance: It does best in lightly shaded conditions.



Watering and feeding: Water regularly (approx. weekly) during warm and hot weather. Fertilize in spring and summer.



Soil requirements: Loose potting soil.



Pruning: As needed to control.