



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Betony *Stachys coccinea*

DESCRIPTION: This lovely evergreen herbaceous perennial is found throughout our region in moist canyons and along streams from 3000-5000'. It stays as a small globe of glossy, slightly glandular leaves. From March through October it sends up spikes of red, tubular flowers that are pollinated by hummingbirds. It can spread by seed in moist areas.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use for potted color, accent, shade, flowers, or ground cover.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Very hardy; at least to the upper teens.



Sun tolerance: Takes some morning direct sun, but prefers at least afternoon shade.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water use, although care must be given to not overwater in the summer. Fertilization is only necessary in containers



Soil requirements: Use a fast draining soil to avoid summer rot problems.



Pruning: Prune only the dead flower stalks.