



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Silver Dalea

Dalea bicolor

DESCRIPTION: This fast-growing shrub reaches a mature size of 6-8 feet tall by 5-6 feet wide, with a rounded form. In the fall months, delicate deep blue flowers spikes contrast with the fine-textured grey-green foliage. As with the other daleas, the flowers attract butterflies and bees. Silver Dalea is deciduous in colder climates, and can be cut back in the late winter or early spring. It is native to the Chihuahuan Desert.

RECOMMENDED USE: When you need a large background shrub with fall flower color, you might consider using Silver Dalea. It also makes a good seasonal accent and is fine for enhanced desert landscapes or xeriscapes.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: It is hardy to 10°F.



Sun tolerance: Plant this shrub in full sun.



Watering and feeding: Water use is fairly low, especially once established. Better growth and flowering occurs with more frequent watering.



Soil requirements: Plant in well-drained soil.



Pruning: Cut back any freeze damage, or to control size in the late winter or early spring.