



## ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Fragrant Mist Flower *Chromolaena odorata*

**DESCRIPTION:** Fragrant Mist Flower is a shrub in warmer areas, but can freeze to the ground in colder spots. In Tucson it is usually evergreen. The triangular-shaped leaves have a pungent aroma. Branched stems curve upward to 3-6 ft. in height. Lilac to bright purplish-blue flowers cluster together into showy flower heads. Flowering can occur from late spring through early fall. Many species of butterflies and other native insects are attracted to the flowers for their nectar. Fragrant Mist Flower is native to Mexico and southern Texas.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Use for its colorful flowers and to attract butterflies.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** 15°F.



**Sun tolerance:** Full sun to light shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Moderate water to establish and to keep in bloom, but can survive on less. Feed in spring and summer.



**Soil requirements:** Any soil that drains.



**Pruning:** Prune any time. Can be severely cut back to refresh its appearance.