



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Purple Bushbean or Siratro *Macroptilium atropurpureum*

DESCRIPTION: Purple Bushbean is a native herbaceous perennial, good for summer color. This beautiful twining vine is in the pea family and produces non-edible beans. It climbs by twining and can go 10' or more in any direction. It is native from southern Arizona, south into Mexico. Leaves are felty, covered with soft hairs. Flowers begin appearing in the warm weather, and peak in the late summer. Petals are deep burgundy in color and attract a number of butterflies to its nectar. It is also known under the scientific name of *Phaseolus atropurpureus*.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use on a trellise or fence as a background accent or screen and to attract wildlife.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Although frosted back at 30°F, Purple Bushbean comes back readily from the roots.



Sun tolerance: Becomes denser and blooms better in full sun.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water user, especially in the summer. Fertilizing not necessary.



Soil requirements: Tolerates a wide range of soils.



Pruning -Pruning: To control. Frost damaged vines may be cut back in March.