



## ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Seep Willow or Batamote *Baccharis salicifolia*

**DESCRIPTION:** Seep Willow is not a true willow, but a shrub in the sunflower family. It grows along streams and washes in our region. Shiny, green leaves cover wand-like stems. The shrub can reach a size of 10' tall by as wide. The flowers are insignificant to us; however they attract many butterfly species including the Fatal Metalmark.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Use as a screen or background plant, as this species can grow to 8' tall by at least as wide.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Seep willow is very hardy in our region. Mulch the crown for added protection in colder planting sites. .



**Sun tolerance:** Full sun to moderate shade is fine for Seep Willow.



**Watering and feeding:** This species is somewhat drought tolerant, but will look bedraggled if stressed. Regular, deep watering will keep it looking its best. Twice a season with a complete fertilizer is appreciated.



**Soil requirements:** Best in deeper soil.



**Pruning:** To control or to remove winter frozen stems.