

Botanical Name: *Dalea frutescens*

Common Name: Black Dalea



Family: Fabaceae

Habitat: Dry washes, rocky hillsides

Native Distribution: Oklahoma, W Texas, New Mexico, NE Mexico

Elevation: Up to 5,000 ft

Hardiness: 15°F

Type: Cold-deciduous

Size: 3' tall x 4' wide

Shape: Round

Growth Rate: Moderately fast

Flowers: ¾" clusters of tiny reddish-purple blooms

Bloom Season: Late summer to early winter

Fruit: Inconspicuous

Foliage: ½" green, very fine compound leaves

Exposure: Full sun

Shade: Filtered

Water Requirements: Low

In the Landscape: These generally low-growing shrubs can be used as a low border, a groundcover, or as an accent to larger plants. Beautiful in mass plantings. Will tolerate reflected sun to light shade, although it will flower better with full sun and supplemental water. Very little maintenance except for maybe shearing it in early spring to encourage growth.

Wildlife: Attracts bees, butterflies, and quail.

Other Stuff:

- Very hardy in most of the Southwest.
- Requires well draining soil.