

**Botanical Name:** *Encelia farinosa*

**Common Name:** Brittlebush



**Family:** Asteraceae

**Native Distribution:** Southwestern US into NW Mexico and Baja California

**Plant Size:** 3-5' tall and wide short-lived, rounded evergreen shrub

**Flowers:** Yellow daisy-like flowers, up to 2" diameter, mostly in spring and occasionally the rest of the year

**Foliage:** Simple, oval or triangular greenish-gray to silvery leaves up to 3" long and 1" wide

**Site Preferences:** Full sun, tolerates reflected heat

**Landscape Uses:** Excellent for use in Phoenix revegetation projects, xeriscapes, medians, and for color.

**Other Stuff:**

- Little to no water when established, needs good drainage.
- Tends to become overgrown and leggy with too much water.
- Resin used as food and burned as incense in the early missions.
- Leaves produce a substance, toxic to other plants in the proximity.
- Moderate maintenance; remove seed heads after blooms fade to expose attractive foliage and cut back in the fall to promote herbaceous growth.
- Grows naturally on south-facing slopes.