

Botanical Name: *Euphorbia resinifera*

Common Name: Moroccan Ground Spurge, Moroccan Mound



Family: Euphorbiaceae

Native Distribution: Morocco

Plant Size: Up to 3' tall and wide, rapidly clumping and mounding columnar shrub with unique, four-sided almost square stems

Flowers: Small yellow flowers blooming from mid-January to March

Foliage: Lime to blue green with short brown spines, small leaves that drop early and are rarely seen, new growth takes on a reddish color

Site Preferences: Full to part sun, well drained soils

Landscape Uses: Use as specimen plant or in rock gardens within Greater Phoenix.

Other Stuff:

- Hardy to 20° F (-6°C) for short periods.
- Moderate water during the summer months, less water in winter.
- One of the oldest documented medicinal plants.
- Cut branches will generate quantity of latex which can be irritating to the skin.
- Prefer lower elevations from 0-2,500 ft.
- Grows well in sandy loam, clay and other heavy, well drained soils.
- Can take more light and frost than other Euphorbia.
- Difficult to transplant without losing the mounding effect.