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Rio Grande Butterfly Bush *Buddleja sessiliflora*

DESCRIPTION: Rio Grande Butterfly Bush is an open evergreen or deciduous shrub great for light shade situations. Its bright green foliage gives a cooling effect to the landscape. It will grow to 5 feet tall and as wide. Flowers are greenish and occur in marble-sized clumps of flowers year-round. The scent, described as “sweet ammonia” attracts butterflies. Rio Grande Butterfly Bush is native from Texas to Arizona, Sonora, and Baja California Sur.

RECOMMENDED USE: A great tropical accent for its foliage color and bright flowers. It can be kept in a large patio container.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: to at least 18°F.



Sun tolerance: It is very tolerant of heat, but may do better out of the afternoon sun.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water use. Feeding not necessary in the ground.



Soil requirements: It prefers well-drained soil.



Pruning: As needed to shape and control.