

Happy Fourth of July!

Monsoon season is just around the corner, new shade trees should be staked to protect against the high winds, also keep in mind that a flash flood doesn't mean the plant got a decent watering, unless we have a nice soaking rain for a couple hours don't turn the irrigation systems off.

While we are experiencing extreme prolonged heat, or heavy storms, we may close early. If you are going to be doing late afternoon shopping please call first to make sure we are open or let us know you will be coming.

The plumerias have arrived and selling like hotcakes! I am trying to work out some details about a potential class. I would be leading a group in how to plant a plumeria by



cutting. The class date would be Saturday July 28th at 8:30. We would have to require an RSVP a head of time so I know how much product to have on hand, and the class would cost \$50 per person, we would need 50% down at RSVP to hold your spot. Each person would receive a cutting, a pot, and soil and I would lead everyone in step by step in how to pot and care for their new plumeria cutting!

Class minimum would be 10 people and class size limit is 25.

Please let me know by July 10th if you would be interested so I can see if we will have enough people to pull the class together.

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July Garden Checklist

Do not count on the rain to water your plants. Keep the irrigation system on unless we get a long soaking rain storm.

Grass: Fertilize Bermuda grass every 4-6 weeks with our 21-7-14 Four Seasons lawn food to keep it looking green and refreshing in the hot summer months. Lawns will need water daily or sometimes twice daily depending on the weather.

Trees/Shrubs: Pick early maturing deciduous fruit which are particularly prone to bird damage. You can help deter birds

with Scare tape, a reflective ribbon that will flash and make noise in the wind.

Prune palms when flower spathes show or delay pruning until after the palm has finished flowering.

July is a good time to plant desert shrubs and examples being: red bird of paradise, fairy duster, and texas ranger. Rangers will start to bloom now as our humidity continues to rise. Shrubs and vines such as bougainvillea also may be planted. Be sure to keep all new plantings well watered.

Protect newly transplanted trees from heavy winds storms by staking.

Flowers: Water roses deeply and often as temperatures rise. Water deeply both before and after applying fertilizer to prevent any burning. Hose off roses, plumerias, and adeniums in the

early morning to help increase humidity to control spider mites.

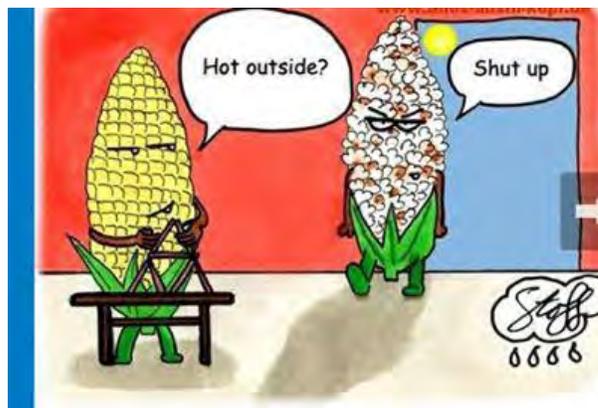
Flowers for full sun color include: gazanias, portulaca, pentas, vinca, zinnias, gomphrena, and angelonia.

Vegetables: Tomatoes won't do well when the temperature is over 100 degrees, but they will

come back for a small crop in fall. For now just keep them protected from the sun under a porch or somewhere it will get most day shade.

Starts for cucumbers, melons, pumpkins and winter squash can be planted now.

Putting a thin layer of mulch on top of your soil will help garden beds retain moisture and keep it cooler. As your melons ripen place a board beneath them to help keep moisture from rotting that side and prevent insects from attacking.



When visiting our nursery, check in on your smart phone or write a recommendation, show an associate and receive 5% off your entire purchase!

One use only. Some restrictions may apply.

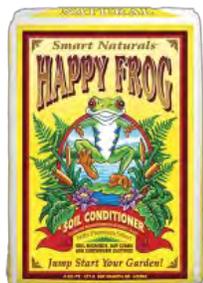


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AMAZING

As it says in the banner, Happy frog soils and fertilizers, were indeed designed to be amazing. Their natural and organic blend of bat guano, earthworm castings, and so much more make this soil nearly impossible to beat.

This is all I have used in our veggie beds here at the nursery the past 5 years and I have seen results far better than ever before. I use mainly the Soil Conditioner mixed with existing soil and a some Happy Frog Potting Soil.

The fertilizer that can be used in veggie beds is the tomato and vegetable blend. It is a 7-4-5, it is a granular that can be used monthly. This will help keep the good organic material in the ground all throughout the growing season.



Other great liquid fertilizers are the Big Bloom and Grow Big, these are also great low nitrogen fertilizers that can be used more frequently than the granular. They can be used weekly to once every two weeks.



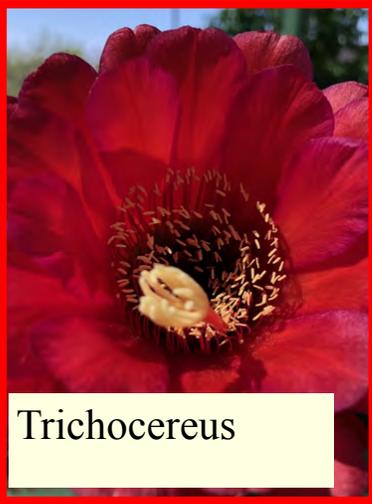
Fruit trees also like a good natural fertilizer monthly. For that I would recommend the Fruit and Flower fertilizer from Happy Frog. You could also use this on any flowers you may have!



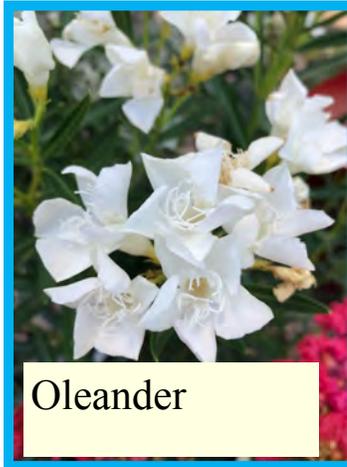
Happy Frog Rose Food is great for roses! We have used it here in the nursery and have seen great results with it. 1 cup per plant per month is ideal for roses.



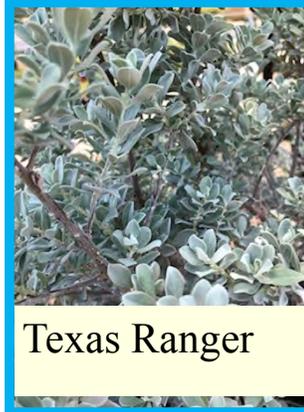
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Trichocereus



Oleander



Texas Ranger



Bird of Paradise



Soap Bush



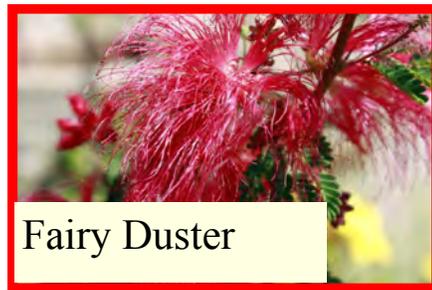
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Crape Myrtle



Vitex



Fairy Duster



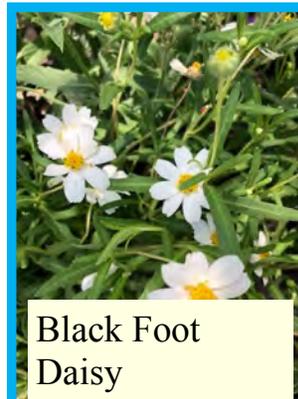
Front Display



Crape Myrtle



Verbena



Black Foot
Daisy



Lantana

Color of the month plant profile: Trichocereus

The trichocereus is a beautiful cactus that have large blooms that only last a day or two.

Size (HxW): 4'x4'

Blooms: Wide variety

Exposure: Full sun, could burn in intense summers, afternoon shade would be appreciated

Minimum Temperature: 32* I would put the little cactus hats on when temps are forecasted below 33

Water: Low to moderate when blooming

Pruning: N/A

Fertilizer: N/A



Plant profile: Vitex

The Vitex tree is a beautiful bloomer in the summer. The whole tree is covered with the upright purple flowers.

Size (HxW): 10-15' x 10-15'

Blooms: Purple

Exposure: Full sun

Minimum Temperature: 10°F

Water: Moderate– High

Pruning: Light before monsoon

Fertilizer: Ferilome tree and shrub in Spring.





Staff Picks: Mimosa Tree

Picked by: Chelsea B.

A large shrub or small tree, *Albizia julibrissin* (Mimosa tree, or Silk Tree) is native to Iran to Japan. It is a fast-growing plant. It can be seen growing in the wild in the southeastern U.S. and California in waste places, fields, and along roads.

However, its bipinnate, ferny leaves and fluffy pink flowerheads that cover the tree in summer make it a garden-worthy plant, as do the fragrance emitted by the flowers, which attract bees. Seed pods that resemble flat beans follow the flowers and persist into winter.



The mimosa tree was introduced into the United States back in 1745 as an ornamental because of its showy and fragrant flowers that attracts hummingbirds.

In its native habitat, the mimosa tree invades disturbed habitats including roadsides or open areas in urban or suburban areas. It is tolerant of several soil types, drought, wind and moderate salt spray. However, it is rare under a full forest canopy and is limited by cold winters so it doesn't grow above 3,000 feet in elevation.

Rillito Nursery & Garden Center has been serving Tucson since 1994. We are a family owned and operated business striving to provide the ultimate nursery experience and customer service. We supply the healthiest plants and highest quality garden necessities. Spread out over three acres, we supply a wide arrangement of annuals, shade plants, desert plants, roses, citrus, trees and shrubs.

Recipe from the garden: Grilled fish tacos with Chipotle lime dressing

Ingredients:

Marinade:

1/4 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons distilled white vinegar
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
2 teaspoons lime zest
1 1/2 teaspoons honey
2 cloves garlic,
minced
1/2 teaspoons cumin
1/2 chili powder
1 teaspoon seafood
seasoning
1/2 teaspoon ground
pepper
1 teaspoon hot pepper
sauce, or to taste
1 pound tilapia fillets,
cut into chunks

Dressing:

1 8oz container sour cream
1/2 cup adobo sauce from chipotle peppers
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
2 teaspoons lime zest
1/4 teaspoon cumin
1/4 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon seafood seasoning
Salt and pepper to taste

Toppings:

Favorite soft taco shells
3 ripe tomatoes seeded and diced
Cilantro chopped
1 small head cabbage shredded
2 limes wedged
Cheese if desired

Directions:

- 1) To make the marinade, whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, lime juice, lime zest, honey, garlic, cumin, chili powder, seafood seasoning, black pepper, and hot sauce in a bowl until blended. Place tilapia in a shallow dish and pour the marinade over the fish. Cover and refrigerate 6 to 8 hours.
- 2) To make the dressing, combine the sour cream and adobo sauce in a bowl. Stir in the lime juice, lime zest, cumin, chili powder, seafood seasonings. Add salt, and pepper in desired amounts. Cover, and refrigerate until needed.
- 3) Preheat an outdoor grill for high heat and lightly oil grate.
- 4) Remove fish from marinade, drain off any excess and discard marinade. Grill fish pieces until easily flaked with a fork, turning once, about 9 minutes.
- 5) Assemble tacos by placing fish pieces in the center of tortillas with desired amounts of toppings and drizzle dressing.

