

CARE OF YOUNG BOOJUM

Fouquieria columnaris



FORM: A columnar stem succulent.



SIZE: 10'-20' in cultivation.



FOLIAGE: Small blue-green drought-deciduous leaves. As the weather gets hotter in spring, it may lose leaves and prepare for summer dormancy.



FLOWERS: Clusters of small white flowers appear in late summer on plants >4' tall.



HARDINESS: Boojums are cool season growers. In Tucson, they are most active from October through April. They can tolerate cold temperatures down to the mid 20's for small plants and 20F for larger plants. Put a styrofoam cup on your small boojum to protect it when nights drop below 35 degrees F or, bring it inside on the coldest nights.



LIGHT: Light shade when young. Tolerating full sun when mature



WATER: Very little water need when dormant. Low water use when in leaf (Oct. – Apr.) During September/October, water it several times a week and once per week until the tree goes dormant in April. Transplant to a larger clay pot in the fall.



SOIL: Sandy, well-drained soil.



FEEDING: In February, water weekly with a balanced fertilizer at ½ strength.



PRUNING: None.