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- Fill the hole in with native soil and very gently tamp down the soil all the way around the plant. (Do NOT push the soil down; this compacts the soil.)



photo by iNaturalist user Ashlee_Wolfberry

Watering

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Pine-needle Penstemon

Penstemon pinifolius - evergreen

Mature size (height x width): 18" X 18"

Light: Sun

Water: Dry

Fruiting / Flowering Seasons: Spring-Fall

Habitat value: hummingbirds; seeds for birds





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Desert Marigold

Baileya multiradiata

nectar for butterflies and bees

12-18"

Deciduous

Sun/shade

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Blooms in Spring through Autumn



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**When the soil is dry to the touch, and the temperature is not below 40 degrees.*

Horsetail milkweed

Asclepias subverticillata

nectar for butterflies, great for bumble bees; larval food

2' X 2'

Deciduous

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Blooms in Summer



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