

UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Desert Four O'clock (*Mirabilis multiflora*)





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Zone: 4-8 Color: Magenta Bloom Time: May through June Plant Type: Perennial herb Mature Height: 18" tall Mature Spread: 3' wide Water Use: Very low

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Soil Type: Dry and rocky or sandy soil

Range and Native Habitat: The Desert Four O'clock is native to the southern United States and can thrive in harsh, dry conditions. It is usually found among pinyon pine and juniper at elevations of 2100-7500 feet.

Suggested Maintenance: Cut back dead foliage from the previous year in the spring.

Other: Desert Four O'clock blooms in the evening attracting many nocturnal insects, such as the Great Ash Sphinx and Achemon Sphinx. It also attracts bees and hummingbirds at dawn.

