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This month we are learning all about the Desert Marigold (*Baileya multiradiata*). Here are some fun and key facts:

- Some medicinal uses of the flowers used by native peoples of the SW include deodorant, an anti-inflammatory, and antiseptic. The stalk was used in adobe house construction. Today the flower is being investigated as a cure for certain cancers.
- A perennial flower found throughout the Southwest U.S., Desert Marigolds can be found in sandy, rocky soil in washes and along roads that thrive in harsh conditions.
- Astonishingly Desert Marigold can withstand long periods of drought in a variety of soil types, attracting many pollinators and preventing erosion.

Sources:

[Desert Marigold Fact Sheet \(desertmuseum.org\)](https://desertmuseum.org).

[Desert marigold \(Baileya multiradiata\) Plant Guide \(usda.gov\)](https://usda.gov).

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