

Botanical Name: Tweedia caerulea (Oxypetalum caeruleum)

Common Name: Tweedia

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape low perennial sub-shrub or twiner; tends to tumble and sprawl if not supported

Height 2 to 3' Spread 2 to 4' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor prefers full sun

Soil any well-drained soil

Hardiness some frost -- zones 14-24

Morphology:

Leaves hastate to 4" long, covered with dense white pubescence  
leaves olive green above, lighter beneath

Flowers axillary cymes of star-shaped clear blue flowers ½" to ¾" across; blooms in late summer

Fruit large follicle to 6" long

Propagation: seed

Usage: low filler or facer used for striking flowers and interesting form; good in containers

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering

Fertilizing slow release fertilizer in spring

Pruning head back or pinch to increase bushiness

Pests/Diseases none known

Special Conditions

Origin: Brazil, Uruguay Family: Asclepiadaceae