

Botanical Name: Cistus ladanifer

Common Name: Crimson-spot Rockrose

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a fairly dense shrub, more upright than most of the other
Rockrose species, forming a full rounded canopy

Height 3' - 6' Spread equal Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors thrives in warm dry full-sun habitats; tolerates partial
shade if kept dry

Soil prefers well-drained locations; avoid wet clay soils

Hardiness (zones 7-9, 12-24): best adapted to warm coastal areas

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, linear-narrowly lanceolate, 2"-4" long;
dark green and sticky on upper surface, somewhat hairy underneath

Flowers white, very showy, 2"-3" diameter, with yellow centers
(of many stamens) and maroon spots at the base of each petal; April - June

Fruit a small capsule

Propagation: seed or softwood cuttings

Usage: a profusely blooming, drought-tolerant filler - excellent
for slopes or mixing with native species that require dry-soil habitats;
informal mass-planting or loose hedging (do not shear)

Landscape Care:

Watering little required after establishment

Fertilizing none after first year

Pruning selectively head back after blooming period for control
of height and shape

Pests/Diseases relatively free; root rot diseases in wet heavy soils

Special Conditions

Origin: Mediterranean region of
So. Europe Family: Cistaceae