

Botanical Name: Scabiosa atropurpurea 'Chile Black'

Common Name: Pincushion flower; Mourning bride

Type of Plant: dicot: annual Family Dipsacaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, compact annual (perennial in very mild winter areas)  
with tight clusters of round, nearly black flower heads held above fine foliage

Height 2 to 3 ft. Spread up to 1 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to part shade

Soil any well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy; Zones 1-24

Morphology:

Leaves lower leaves oblong to spatulate, coarsely toothed to 3"

long; flower stalk leaves pinnatifid and fine textured

Flowers dense clusters of very dark purple flowers in rounded heads;  
light pink stamens protrude through flower heads, giving a 'pincushion' appearance

Fruit tiny achenes

Propagation: seed, stem cuttings

Usage: this cultivar is mainly grown for its peculiar flower heads  
which are nearly black; use in cottage garden beds, perennial borders or container  
gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular watering but tolerates brief drought if  
conditions are not too hot

Fertilizing none required

Pruning dead head regularly to encourage longer blooming season

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Origin: southern Europe