

Botanical Name: Phlomis purpurea

Common Name: Purple phlomis

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Lamiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape A loosely structured, upright plant with somewhat silvery gray foliage and pink-purple flowers borne in dense clusters

Height to 6' Spread to 4' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil prefers well-drained soils, tolerates most any soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 7-24)

Morphology:

Leaves lanceolate to deltoid leaves to 4" long, 1" across, leathery and gray-green on upper surface, silvery and tomentose on lower surface

Flowers pink-purple tubular hook-like flowers in layered tiers along flowering stems; blooms during most warm months

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings, seed

Usage: large perennial appreciated for its pink-purple blooms and very durable nature; combines well with lavenders, rockrose, rosemary and other heat-tolerant Mediterranean plants

Landscape Care:

Watering very drought and heat tolerant after established; give average watering in first year, little needed afterward

Fertilizing slow-release at planting time

Pruning head back hard (to 1 ft.) in fall season

Pests/Diseases root rot where drainage is poor

Other deer resistant; more silvery than P.fruticosa

Origin: Southern Spain