

Botanical Name: Clerodendrum bungei (C. foetidum)

Common Name: Cashmere bouquet

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Family Verbenaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape coarse, evergreen shrub spreading by underground suckers
which can form a dense thicket; forms upright stems with coarse, broad leaves
that smell like dirty gym socks

Height to 6 ft. Spread to 10 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial shade preferred; can tolerate sun near coast

Soil tolerates most any soil with good drainage

Hardiness hardy; Zones 5-9, 12-24

Morphology:

Leaves large, coarse, ovate leaves to 12" across on long petioles;
foliage is covered with reddish pubescence beneath; unpleasant fragrance

Flowers dense terminal corymbs of small pink or reddish flowers in
summer or early fall; clusters approach 8" across, flowers about 3/4" across

Fruit small drupe

Propagation: stem cuttings, division

Usage: best if kept in the background until blooming season; used
for flower display only; can become invasive and difficult to eradicate; foliage
smells disagreeable and plant is not particularly attractive

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular watering; not particularly drought tolerant

Fertilizing slow-release fertilizer in early spring

Pruning head back yearly and pinch during growing season

Pests/Diseases none significant; resists oak root fungus

Other deer resistant

Origin: China