

Botanical Name: Petrea volubilis

Common Name: Queen's wreath, Sandpaper vine

Type of Plant: dicot: vine Family Verbenaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Spreading, upright woody vine climbing by twining, twisting stems; foliage is dark green with a distinctive rough texture; flowers with hanging clusters of star-shaped purple flowers

Height to 30 ft. Spread to 30 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers a well-drained, well-amended soil

Hardiness some frost; Zones 19-24

Morphology:

Leaves elliptical, to 8" long, 2" across with entire margins; foliage has a distinct rough, scabrous texture on surfaces

Flowers axillary racemes to 1 ft. long with 1" diameter, star-shaped flowers; calyxes are persistent for 1-2 wks after bloom; warm season bloomer

Fruit 1/2" diameter drupe

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings in late summer

Usage: valued for flower display on garden structures, walls or fences; grown for beautiful, prolific flower display throughout the warm season; flowers sometimes used in leis

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular watering

Fertilizing slow-release balanced fertilizer in spring

Pruning thin and head back in winter months

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Origin: Mexico, Central America