

Botanical Name: Ceratostigma plumbaginoides

Common Name: Dwarf plumbago

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape prostrate or slightly mounding, rapidly spreading by underground stems

Height 6-12" Spread 2-4' + Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to part shade

Soil prefers loose, well draining, tolerates most

Hardiness hardy, tolerates extreme temperatures (zones 2-10, 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves mostly obovate to 3 1/2" long, serrate, glabrous, green with bronze, alternate

Flowers blue, tubular corolla with 5 petals, at terminal and axillary buds, July to frost

Fruit capsule

Propagation: division, softwood cuttings

Usage: fast growing ground cover for open, sunny to partly shaded locations, excellent for colorful display on slopes and under trees--short lived if heavily watered, becomes leggy with age

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers occasional deep soaking

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning head back close to ground each winter

Pests/Diseases root rot when heavily watered, snails, slugs

Special Conditions

Origin: W. China Family: Plumbaginaceae