

Botanical Name: Eremophila glabra

Common Name: Common emu bush

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Myoporaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape spreading, shrubby perennial with dense, silvery foliage and brightly colored, tubular flowers

Height to 5 ft. Spread to 8 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil tolerates dry, heavy arid soil, prefers good drainage

Hardiness to 10°; Zones 8,9, 14-24

Morphology:

Leaves alternate, narrowly elliptical, from 3/4 to 2" long; older foliage olive green, young leaves densely hairy with silvery sheen

Flowers tubular, to 2" long, red, orange or yellow with stamens protruding past petals

Fruit leathery skinned berry

Propagation: seed, semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: drought tolerant perennial or shrub prized for silvery foliage brightly colored flowers and easy watering and soil requirements; good on slopes mixed with California natives or other drought tolerant plantings

Landscape Care:

Watering very drought tolerant when established; prefers deep, infrequent waterings when young

Fertilizing slow release fertilizer at planting time

Pruning head back lightly to encourage bushiness and control size

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other _____

Origin: Australia