

Botanical Name: Leonotis leonurus

Common Name: Lion's tail

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, shrubby perennial with a rank, fast-growing habit; usually short-lived; can become scraggly if not pruned

Height 3' - 6' Spread 3' - 6' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil prefers a well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy: zones 8-24

Morphology:

Leaves narrowly elliptical, to 3" long, oppositely arranged on angled stems; coarsely dentate on margins

Flowers dense clusters of orange tubular flowers in spring and summer - flowers fuzzy

Fruit small capsule - fruit is persistent on stems

Propagation: seed - plant re-seeds heavily

Usage: accent for flowers and long blooming season - fits in well in rustic areas, native plant landscapes and dry slopes

Landscape Care:

Watering very drought tolerant when established

Fertilizing slow-release at planting

Pruning head back and thin regularly to show off form

Pests/Diseases mealybugs, aphids

Special Conditions none

Origin: S. Africa Family: Labiatae