

Botanical Name: Teucrium chamaedrys 'Prostratum'

Common Name: Prostrate germander

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Lamiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Low, spreading, loosely structured plant with trailing stems  
and upright semi-woody branches which hold fine textured, dark foliage

Height 4 to 6 in. Spread to 3 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers a well-drained soil; does not like soggy soil

Hardiness Hardy - All zones

Morphology:

Leaves small, hairy, oppositely arranged, to 3/4" long, mostly oblong  
to obovate; most often serrate to crenate on the margins

Flowers small pink to deep purple to 1/2" diameter usually in loose  
terminal spikes - some examples have white flowers

Fruit small nutlet - inconspicuous

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings in late spring or summer

Usage: excellent small scale groundcover or low hedge or facer plant  
which blends well with other perennials, in cottage gardens or in Mediterranean  
landscapes - very drought tolerant once established

Landscape Care:

Watering easy to grow where drainage is good, where it tolerates regular  
watering; best if kept on the dry side if drainage is not excellent

Fertilizing slow release feeding at planting time

Pruning shear once or twice yearly to keep neat and compact

Pests/Diseases root rot where drainage is poor

Other works well mixed with California natives

Origin: Europe and Southern Asia