

Botanical Name: Justicia aurea

Common Name: Golden plume flower

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape semi-shrubby rangy plant with sprawling, irregular growth habit; dense clusters of pink flowers form on long stems; foliage coarse, deeply veined

Height 4 to 6' Spread 4 to 6' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors shady, moist areas preferred

Soil likes good drainage, well-amended soil

Hardiness some frost -- zones 8, 9, 12-24

Morphology:

Leaves ovate, oppositely arranged, to 10" long, deeply veined and somewhat crinkled

Flowers dense terminal clusters of clear yellow tubular flowers; blooms mid-summer through fall months

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: softwood cuttings

Usage: tropical accent plant for flowers; used in containers and tropical planters; used for flower color and coarse texture

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering; not drought tolerant

Fertilizing slow-release, balanced fertilizer in spring

Pruning head back hard in early spring to encourage new growth

Pests/Diseases aphids, snails

Special Conditions

Origin: Brazil Family: Acanthaceae