

Botanical Name: Lavandula stoechas

Common Name: Spanish lavender

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, bushy dens plant of fine silvery foliage; tends to be somewhat blocky and stiff -- branches all curve upright

Height 1 1/2 to 2' Spread 2 to 3' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun

Soil any well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy -- zones 4-24

Morphology:

Leaves linear, silvery, to 1" long, 1/8" wide, oppositely arranged on square stems; margins entire with a marked center rib

Flowers spikes of lavender purple flowers with leafy bracts extending up from top of spike giving a "bunny ears" appearance

Fruit small woody capsule

Propagation: seed, stem cuttings

Usage: small filler in drought tolerant plantings, makes a good sheared hedge, herb border or herbaceous perennial garden

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering but is very drought tolerant when established -- don't keep soggy

Fertilizing slow-release in spring

Pruning head back frequently to encourage bushiness, dead head

Pests/Diseases root rot in heavy soils or overwatered areas

Special Conditions 'Otto Quast' provides very dark purple flowers

Origin: Portugal & Spain Family: Labiatae