

Botanical Name: Trichostema lanatum

Common Name: Wooly blue curls

Type of Plant: dicot: shrubby perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an open, low-growing plant, with slender erect stems; older plants develop a woody base with spreading-sprawling stems to form a loosely rounded canopy

Height 2' - 4' Spread equal Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun required; avoid shaded locations

Soil tolerates most; requires good drainage

Hardiness hardy (zones 14-24): prefers warm dry low-elevation habitats

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, linear-lanceolate, 1"-2" long; margins

strongly revolute; upper surface bright green, lower grayish white, hairy; leaves may drop in severe drought conditions

Flowers blue-purple or maroon; in dense separated clusters along

upper portions of the stems; flowers and stem covered with wooly hairs; April-August, intermittent

Fruit tiny capsule

Propagation: seed, softwood cuttings

Usage: a small accent shrub for its showy display of blue-

purple flowers; low filler for massed wildflower plantings and slopes; will

bloom nearly year-round

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional soaking; avoid summer overhead watering in clay habitats

Fertilizing none required

Pruning head back old leggy stems nearly to the ground

Pests/Diseases root rot fungus in poorly drained clay soils

Special Conditions

warm dry chaparral sites, Monterey

Origin: to San Diego Family: Lamiaceae