

Botanical Name: Verbena bonariensis

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Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Verbenaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Large, rangy, airy plant with small clusters of purple flowers
concentrated at the ends of tall stems; very open, transparent structure

Height to 6 ft. Spread to 6 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil tolerates most any soil with good drainage

Hardiness Hardy (zones 8 through 24)

Morphology:

Leaves linear, coarsely toothed, to 4" long, oppositely arranged, distinct-
ly rough textured on both upper and lower surfaces

Flowers tight panicles of tiny purple flowers at the end of long, airy
stems

Fruit tiny nutlets

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings in spring or summer

Usage: large perennial used either as a background or filler plant in
perennial gardens, on slopes or in rustic landscapes; very drought tolerant and
useful with Mediterranean style landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering very drought tolerant once established; can survive on limited
summer watering

Fertilizing balanced, slow release fertilizer at planting time

Pruning head long stems back to ground to control size and spread

Pests/Diseases root rot when over-watered

Other _____

Origin: Southeast North America and West Indies