

Botanical Name: Iochroma cyaneum

Common Name: Flowering tobacco

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Family Solanaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Large, loose-limbed rangy shrub with soft, brittle branches;
often used as an espalier or tied against a structure

Height to 10 ft. Spread to 10 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun

Soil tolerates most any soil, prefers good drainage

Hardiness some frost; Zones 16,17, 19-24

Morphology:

Leaves elliptical, alternate, to 6" long, 2" across, somewhat pubescent
on upper and lower surfaces, strongly ribbed on lower surface

Flowers long-pedicelled purple to lavender tubular flowers in umbellate
clusters; flowers to about 1-1/2" long. Flower color is variable

Fruit globose berry to 1/4" across

Propagation: softwood or semi-hardwood cuttings any time of year

Usage: used as a loose sub-tropical shrub for its profuse display of
unusual flowers; best as an espalier or restrained against a wall or fence;
good hummingbird attractor

Landscape Care:

Watering needs ample watering; not drought tolerant

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release fertilizer at planting time

Pruning head back heavily to restrain growth; prune flat to walls or fences

Pests/Diseases measuring worms

Other _____

Origin: Colombia, Venezuela