

Botanical Name: Leucophyllum frutescens

Common Name: Texas ranger

Type of Plant: dicot; shrubby perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape erect, densely branched shrub, forms a full, oval to
rounded canopy with silvery foliage

Height 5-10' (12') Spread 6-8' Growth Rate slow to moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil prefers well draining, tolerates most, incl. alkaline

Hardiness hardy (zones 7-24); thrives in desert areas

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate/opposite, elliptic-oval, distinctly
silvery gray on both surfaces, 1/2-1" long, young stems also gray

Flowers purple/lavender, bell-shaped, 1" across, solitary,
axillary--June through August

Fruit small, 1/4" capsule

Propagation: seed, semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: excellent filler/hedge material for dry, hot areas where
silver gray foliage color is desired; needs summer heat for good flower
production -- slope plantings

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak -- little watering is required after
established

Fertilizing little required

Pruning occasionally head back to control size and form

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Southwest Texas, Mexico Family: Scrophulariaceae