

Botanical Name: Aloe brevifolia

Common Name: Short-leaf aloe, Dune aloe

Type of Plant: monocot: succulent Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a small, compact, aloe with several-many 3"-6" stems
clumping from a common base, each enclosed with small, fleshy leaves; develops
into a low, spreading mound

Height 3" - 6" (9") Spread 6" - 12" Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full to partial sun; tolerates shade inland

Soil prefers well draining sandy soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 8, 9, 12-24): prefers warm coastal habitats

Morphology:

Leaves fleshy, narrowly triangular-sword-shaped, whorled on short
stems, pale green, 2"-4" long, thick, short, soft-toothed margins

Flowers red, tubular, 1/2"-3/4" long, erect, narrow racemes,
12"-18" high; March - June, intermittent

Fruit small oval capsule, 1/2"

Propagation: division of clump

Usage: a small facer or informal border plant for limited space;
dry climate landscapes, for succulent foliage and distinctive flower display;
container plant; houseplant

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; becomes very drought tolerant

Fertilizing none required after established

Pruning none; remove dead flower stalks

Pests/Diseases snails/slugs, soil root fungus in poorly drained clay

Special Conditions

Origin: S. Africa Family: Liliaceae