

Botanical Name: Grewia occidentalis

Common Name: Lavender starflower

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape fast-growing, upright, sprawling plant -- open, loose
structure with foliage arranged in a flattened pattern along the stems; forms
a natural espalier if unpruned

Height 5-15' Spread 5-10' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun, tolerates partial shade

Soil any well-draining soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 8,9,14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, (nearly two-ranked along stem), oblong-
obovate, 1-3" long, serrate margins, medium green

Flowers 1/2 - 1" diameter hibiscus-shaped, solitary, small clusters,
lavender petals, tiny yellow anthers, long outer sepals -- late spring

Fruit berry, tan, 1/4"

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings (spring)

Usage: background, screen, hedge, espalier, large informal mass
tolerates both heat and wind, can be pruned into most any shape

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional -- drought resistant when established

Fertilizing balanced in spring -- add iron for chlorosis

Pruning to shape desired, primarily in spring

Pests/Diseases aphids

Special Conditions tolerates high heat

Origin: South Africa Family: Malvaceae