

Botanical Name: Scabiosa columbaria

Common Name: Pincushion flower

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape dense, rounded plant with gray-green foliage, flowers held well above foliage; blooms from summer to winter

Height to 3' Spread to 3' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun preferred

Soil tolerates a wide range of soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-24) does best in mild climates

Morphology:

Leaves obovate to oblanceolate, to 3" long, finely pinnately divided, forming from a basal clump

Flowers head-like flowers form long stamens which project up past surface of flower, look like pincushions; lavender, pink or white

Fruit small achenes

Propagation: stem cuttings any time, seed

Usage: good mixed in perennial borders, used for cut flowers

makes a good facer or low filler for flowers, foliage and very dense rounded form

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average water, fairly drought tolerant

Fertilizing balanced, slow release fertilizer at plnating time

Pruning head back dead flowers to prolong blooming season

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions none

Origin: So. Europe to Asia Family: Dipsaceae