

Botanical Name: Phlomis lanata

Common Name: Dwarf Jerusalem sage

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape loose, upright, rangy plant with a sprawling habit; grows vertically but spills over to produce a fairly open structure

Height to 4' Spread to 4' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun preferred, tolerates heat and drought well

Soil tolerates most any soil

Hardiness hardy (all zones) goes deciduous in cold climates

Morphology:

Leaves lanceolate to 2" long, oppositely arranged on the stem, distinctly gray green and fuzzy on the underside, olive green above

Flowers clusters of yellow flowers produced in a radial arrangement around the stem -- produces heavy bloom three or four times per year

Fruit small woody nutlet

Propagation: seed, semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: small filler for foliage color and flowers -- well-adapted to poor soils, heat, drought and neglect; mixes well with natives, herbaceous perennials and most subtropical gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates much drought when established

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release at planting time

Pruning head back lightly to encourage bushiness, control size

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions tolerates oak root fungus

Origin: So. Mediterranean Family: Labiatae