

Botanical Name: Leonotis menthifolia

Common Name: Dwarf Lion's Tail

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape compact, upright plant with rigid, nearly vertical branches
foliage is fairly sparsely set and flowers appear in clusters throughout the
plant

Height to 3' Spread to 3' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun preferred

Soil tolerates most any soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 8-24)

Morphology:

Leaves ovate, to 1" long, 3/4" across, on long petioles, opposite-
ly arranged on stem, surface wrinkled and leathery

Flowers orange, tubular flowers set in dense clusters up and down
stem; flowers spring and summer

Fruit small woody capsule

Propagation: seed, stem cuttings

Usage: small accent for orange flowers, effective on banks or in
beds; can be used in smaller areas than L. leonurus; good mixed with natives
or in drought tolerant areas

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average water when young, tolerates drought when
established

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release at planting time

Pruning head back occasionally to increase bushiness

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions none

Origin: So. Africa Family: Labiatae