

Botanical Name: Lantana montevidensis

Common Name: Trailing lantana

Type of Plant: dicot; groundcover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape sprawling to somewhat prostrate, with slender stems forming
a low mat or loose mound

Height 1-2' Spread 3-6' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun, tolerates partial

Soil tolerates most, including clay

Hardiness some frost (zones 8,9,12-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, ovate, 3/4-2" across crenate, hairy
surface, medium green -- strongly aromatic

Flowers blue, tubular, small, crowded onto small, 1" mostly at ends
of stems--spring/summer/intermittent

Fruit tiny, 1/8" blue black berry

Propagation: seed, semihardwood cuttings

Usage: colorful groundcover for warm areas; good for slopes,
raised planters, facer material -- short lived in wet clay soils

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers occasional deep soak--tolerates regular

Fertilizing little required after established

Pruning head back close to ground; prune after frost danger passed

Pests/Diseases powdery mildew in shaded locations

Special Conditions foliage turns purple in cold weather

Origin: South America Family: Verbenaceae