

Botanical Name: Cistus skanbergii

Common Name: No common name

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Family Cistaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a fairly low-growing rockrose; develops into a wide-spreading, loosely mounded plant; stems and foliage are minutely glandular-hairy

Height 1-4 ft. Spread 3-6 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun; becomes leggy in shaded environments

Soil thrives in well-drained soils; avoid heavy clays

Hardiness hardy (zones 18-24); best in sunny, coastal areas

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, narrowly elliptic with somewhat undulate margins; 1-1/2" long, dull green, somewhat folded at midrib (boat-shaped profile)

Flowers pink, 5-petaled with an open shape and yellow center, 1" across, borne in open terminal clusters April-June

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: softwood cuttings

Usage: a useful low filler for Mediterranean climate gardens; its low, spreading form makes it a preferred rockrose for small scale plantings; blooms heavily for 6-8 weeks

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak preferred; tolerates regular watering in well-drained soils

Fertilizing little required after established

Pruning selective heading after bloom to control size and shape

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Other tolerant of alkaline soils

Origin: Hybrid; parents native to Southern Europe