

Botanical Name: Teucrium chamaedrys

Common Name: Germander

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Lamiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape low-growing, spreading shrubby perennial with fine-textured, dark green, aromatic foliage; more upright and woody than T. c. 'Prostratus'

Height to 1 ft. Spread to 2 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil prefers a well-drained soil; does not like soggy soil

Hardiness hardy (all zones)

Morphology:

Leaves small, hairy, oppositely arranged, to 3/4" long, mostly oblong to obovate; most often serrate to crenate on the margins

Flowers small pink to deep purple to 1/2" diameter usually in loose terminal spikes

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings in late spring or summer

Usage: excellent small scale hedge or divider plant; often seen in European knot gardens and other formal sheared applications; used as a medicinal herb; very drought tolerant when established

Landscape Care:

Watering easy to grow where drainage is good, where it tolerates regular watering; best if kept on the dry side if drainage is not excellent

Fertilizing slow release feeding at planting time

Pruning shear occasionally for compact growth; remove spent flowers

Pests/Diseases root rot where drainage is poor

Other _____

Origin: Europe and Southern Asia