

Botanical Name: Plectranthus ciliatus

Common Name: Creeping purple lilac

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Lamiaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape trailing, spreading plant with burgundy-colored stems and
leaf veins; forms a dense groundcover

Height 6-12" Spread 3 to 5 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial shade preferred

Soil likes a well-amended soil

Hardiness tender (zones 22-24)

Morphology:

Leaves oval leaves to 3" across and long; deeply veined with purple
coloring toward leaf base; margins coarsely serrate

Flowers terminal spikes of violet or white flowers usually in late
summer

Fruit tiny capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: sprawling groundcover under trees and in shady garden areas;
grown for attractive foliage and flowers

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering; not drought tolerant

Fertilizing slow release fertilizer in spring

Pruning pinch off dead flowers after bloom; pinch regularly for shape

Pests/Diseases caterpillars, snails, leaf miners

Other

Origin: Southern Africa