

Botanical Name: Clerodendrum trichotomum

Common Name: Harlequin glorybower

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Family Verbenaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, deciduous shrub or small tree, usually growing from many stems; sends out offshoots freely, becoming a wide-spreading plant

Height to 15 ft. Spread to 15 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade in inland areas

Soil tolerates most any soil; good drainage preferred

Hardiness some frost (zones 15-17, 20-24); prefers cool conditions

Morphology:

Leaves opposite, ovate leaves to 4" long, 3" across; somewhat leathery and coarse, veins prominent on lower surface

Flowers broad terminal clusters of white, fragrant, star-shaped flowers, arising from purple calyxes; blooms in late summer

Fruit metallic blue drupes; persistent on plant for weeks

Propagation: stem cuttings, seed

Usage: used for flowers and fragrance, as a large filler or back-ground shrub; appreciated for flowers, berries, handsome foliage

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular water; unattractive when allowed to dry out

Fertilizing balanced feeding in spring

Pruning thin out aggressively in winter; remove suckers at base

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other

Origin: Japan