

Botanical Name: Cistus 'Sunset'

Common Name: No common name

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape one of the lower-growing rockroses; forms a rather loose open mound as the plant matures; both the foliage and young stems are covered with short glandular hairs

Height 2' - 3' Spread 3' - 5' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors requires full sun - avoid shaded locations; thrives in warm dry sites

Soil tolerates most - prefers well-draining

Hardiness hardy (zones 12-13, 18-24): best-suited to warm coastal areas

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, very glandular-hairy, elliptic with distinctly undulate margins; 1"-2" long, folded along the midrib, medium green

Flowers deep rose-lavender, 5-petaled, with conspicuous yellow center of many small stamens; 1½"-2" across; March-May

Fruit a tiny capsule

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: an attractive low filler for dry-climate gardens, suited to sunny slopes or raised planters where a heavy display of rose-colored flowers; excellent for informal, Mediterranean-theme landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers an occasional deep soak - avoid heavy irrigation

Fertilizing little required after establishment

Pruning selectively head back as needed to promote a fuller shape if desired

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions relatively short-lived (7-8 years)
cultivar of Southern

Origin: European species Family: Cistaceae