

Botanical Name: Cistus corbariensis (Cistus x hybridus)

Common Name: White rockrose

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a low, wide spreading, mounding plant, with wiry, slender stems, forming a loose canopy if unpruned

Height 2-5' Spread equal or more Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun; avoid shade; thrives in hot, dry areas

Soil tolerates most, including alkaline; avoid wet clay

Hardiness hardy (zones 7-9,12-15,18-24); best at low elevations

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, ovate-elliptic, gray-green, leathery, rough (crinkly); margins somewhat crenate

Flowers white, 1-1/2" across, very showy, solitary; has 5 white spreading petals and numerous golden yellow stamens bunched in the center

Fruit a papery capsule

Propagation: softwood or semihardwood cuttings

Usage: an excellent filler for dry sunny locations; valued for its durability and profuse flower display; massed plantings, erosion control on slopes

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; plant is very drought-tolerant after established

Fertilizing little is needed

Pruning head back after blooming period for fuller compact form

Pests/Diseases root rot in poorly drained soils

Special Conditions one of the best shrubs for slope planting

Origin: Southern Europe Family: Cistaceae