

Botanical Name: Eremophila maculata

Common Name: Spotted emu bush

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Myoporaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape sub-shrub with low, cushion-shaped form; upright in youth
spreading with age, blooms heavily from late winter through spring

Height to 3 ft. Spread to 6 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun

Soil tolerates fairly heavy, alkaline soil, prefers good drainage

Hardiness to 10°F; Zones 8,9, 14-24

Morphology:

Leaves narrowly elliptic to oblanceolate, to 1-1/4" long, adult leaves
usually glabrous; juvenile and some adult foliage faintly hairy, tips pointed

Flowers tubular, to 1" long, colors range from red, yellow, whitish to
pale pink; flowers solitary, borne heavily during late winter and spring months

Fruit leathery skinned berry

Propagation: seed, semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: appreciated as a brightly flowering drought tolerant shrub or
subshrub with a long blooming season and a unique flower form and color; foliage
is dense enough to make a good filler or facer in drought tolerant landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates much drought when established; supply deep,
infrequent water while young

Fertilizing slow-release feeding at planting time

Pruning head back occasionally to keep dense and full

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other _____

Origin: Australia