

Botanical Name: Dodonaea viscosa 'Purpurea'

Common Name: Purple hopseed bush

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright plant, with a rather open slender shape when
young; becomes fuller and more oval to rounded with age

Height 8'-12' (20') Spread 1/2 - 2/3 Growth Rate moderate-rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers warmth and full sun; tolerates some shade at inland
locations

Soil tolerates most well-drained sites, including alkaline soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 7-9, 12-24): best at warm low-elevation sites

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate (sometimes appearing whorled); narrowly
elliptic-oval, 2"-4" long, dark bronze-green in color (in colder weather the
color becomes deep maroon)

Flowers small, rather insignificant, pinkish-salmon, in small
clusters at or near ends of stems (May - July)

Fruit a small papery capsule - yellowish tan

Propagation: softwood or semi-hardwood cuttings; seed

Usage: primarily used as a large filler or background mass in dry-
climate gardens - valued for its dark maroon purple foliage and durability;
large informal screens or loose hedges

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates regular watering; prefers occasional deep soak
irrigation

Fertilizing little is required after establishment

Pruning selectively head back longest stems for a more dense shape;
can be headed high for a small tree form

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: New Zealand Family: Sapindaceae