

Botanical Name: Verbena rigida (v. venosa)

Common Name: Verbena rigida

Type of Plant: Dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape spreading and upright plant with clusters of purple flowers atop stiff stems; foliage is sparse and rough-textured

Height to 2' Spread to 2' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil likes good drainage

Hardiness hardy -- all zones

Morphology:

Leaves narrowly ovate to oblong, oppositely arranged, irregularly toothed on margins, to 4" long, 3/4" wide, rough textured on both surfaces

Flowers cylindrical clusters of magenta or purple flowers, usually three-branched; flowers to 1/8" across, trumpet-shaped

Fruit tiny nutlets

Propagation: seed, softwood cuttings

Usage: coarse textured sub-shrub used for easy care and showy flower display over long blooming season; mixes with Salvias and Artemisias

Landscape Care:

Watering little water after established

Fertilizing none usually required

Pruning head back to control size and encourage bushier growth

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions

Origin: Brazil Family: Verbenaceae