

Botanical Name: Eremophila glabra 'Murchison River'

Common Name: Compact emu bush

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, loose shape; more compact and dense than species;  
valued for finely cut silvery foliage and contrasting red flowers

Height 3 to 4 ft. Spread equal Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil prefers dry conditions; good drainage is essential

Hardiness hardy (zones 8,9, 13-24) thrives in warm sunny locations

Morphology:

Leaves alternate, narrowly elliptical, from 3/4 to 1-1/2" long;  
older foliage olive green, young leaves densely hairy with silvery sheen

Flowers axillary, tubular 5 lobed flowers, reddish orange color  
to 1-1/2" long

Fruit leathery skinned berry

Propagation: seed, semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: drought tolerant perennial or shrub prized for silvery  
foliage, brightly colored flowers and easy watering and soil requirements; good  
on slopes

Landscape Care:

Watering very drought tolerant once established; prefers occasional  
deep waterings when young

Fertilizing slow release fertilizer at planting time

Pruning selectively cut back dead foliage, encourage bushiness

Pests/Diseases none significant

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Myoporaceae