

Botanical Name: Limonium suworowii (Psylliostachys suworowii)

Common Name: Russian statice

Type of Plant: dicot: annual Character summer annual

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Small clumping, upright plant with fleshy foliage and narrow spikes of tiny pink or lavender flowers held high above the foliage

Height 6-12" Spread 6-12" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun -- tolerates partial shade when planted inland

Soil needs excellent drainage

Hardiness some frost -- best if planted in early spring

Morphology:

Leaves narrowly elliptical leaves on long petioles; blades to 4" 1-1/2" across; light green and fleshy, apex slightly mucronate

Flowers 18" long slender spikes of rosy-pink flowers; stalks are somewhat twisted and curved, sometimes branched

Fruit tiny capsules 1/16" across

Propagation: seed

Usage: excellent border plant, low facer annual, in mass plantings or small-scale plantings; good source of cool color

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering; drainage must be good for best performance; not especially drought tolerant

Fertilizing balanced, slow release at planting

Pruning remove dead flower stalks

Pests/Diseases aphids, root rot where drainage is poor

Special Conditions performs best if planted early; will bloom in early spring

Origin: Central Asia Family: Plumbaginaceae