

Botanical Name: Aloe ciliaris

Common Name: Climbing aloe

Type of Plant: monocot: succulent Family Liliaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Climbing, sprawling plant with trailing stems and relatively thin, dark leaves loosely set on branches; potentially invasive

Height to 3 ft. Spread to 15 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; tolerates partial shade

Soil prefers good drainage

Hardiness Hardy; zones 8,9, 12-24

Morphology:

Leaves Fleshy, soft leaves to 10" long arranged fairly loosely along 1" thick stems; leaf margins are lined with small yellow spines to 1/16" long

Flowers Spikes of red tubular flowers tipped with yellow; flowers held well above foliage; flowers in early spring

Fruit Small capsule

Propagation: Stem cuttings, leaf cuttings,

Usage: Used as a sprawling filler plant for dense dark foliage and spring flowering; good in desert theme or drought tolerant landscapes; can be fast-growing and aggressive when well watered

Landscape Care:

Watering Very drought tolerant when established; likes occasional deep watering

Fertilizing Little required

Pruning Remove spent flower stalks, control sprawling stems

Pests/Diseases Snails and slugs, root rot in poorly drained areas

Other

Origin: South Africa