

Botanical Name: Nerium oleander 'Petite Salmon'

Common Name: Dwarf oleander

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a compact variety of the species - has a full rounded to mounding shape as the plant matures

Height 3' - 5' Spread equal or more Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun - tolerates filtered shade

Soil tolerates most, including alkaline; avoid badly drained sites

Hardiness hardy (zones 8-16, 18-24): thrives in hot low-elevation habitats

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, whorled (3 at the nodes), narrowly elliptic, 3"-5" long; dark green and glossy above, paler green beneath

Flowers salmon, 1" across, with 5 spreading petals that are fused to give an overall bell-shape; in showy terminal clusters; April - September

Fruit if present, a capsule

Propagation: softwood or semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: an excellent low to mid-sized filler for its heavy flower display - adapts well to subtropical and dry-climate gardens; can be massed into low hedges; very durable

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers occasional deep-soak watering; tolerates both drought and regular irrigation

Fertilizing little is required after establishment

Pruning little is required - selectively head back longest stems to enhance the compact form

Pests/Diseases yellow oleander aphid, scale; Oleander leaf scorch (not as vulnerable as species Oleanders)

Special Conditions all parts of the plant are poisonous (species is native to N. Africa region)

Origin: cultivar Family: Apocynaceae