

Cistus x purpureus

(Orchid rock Rose)

The purple rockrose is a compact, shrubby perennial with narrow, soft green leaves. In spring and early summer, single papery lavender-pink flowers appear. Drought and heat-tolerant, this showy hybrid does best in full sun and average soil with good drainage. Prune plants in spring to remove damaged branches and control their growth and shape. Purple rockrose is perfect for dry rock garden, and maritime landscapes. Could be used more.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

<b>French Name:</b> Ciste cotonneux,
<b>Pronounciation:</b> SIS-tus pur-PUR-ee-us
<b>Plant Type:</b> Shrub
<b>Origin:</b> Hybrid
<b>Heat Zones:</b> 8, 9, 10
<b>Hardiness Zones:</b> 7, 8, 9, 10
<b>Uses:</b> Mass Planting, Wildlife, Native to Lebanon
<b>Size/Shape</b>
<b>Growth Rate:</b> Moderate
<b>Tree Shape:</b> Round
<b>Canopy Symmetry:</b> Symmetrical
<b>Canopy Density:</b> Medium
<b>Canopy Texture:</b> Fine
<b>Height at Maturity:</b> 1 to 1.5 m
<b>Spread at Maturity:</b> 0.5 to 1 meter
<b>Time to Ultimate Height:</b> 2 to 5 Years

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Flower Image

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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Linear

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Rough

**Leaf Scent:** Pleasant

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 3 - 7

**Flower Type:** Solitary

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** Purple

**Seasons:** Spring

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Capsule

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Brown, Black

**Seasons:** Spring

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, Low

**Light Requirements:** Full

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Edible Parts:** None

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting

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