

Echium candicans

(Pride of Madeira)

The pride of Madeira is a significant fast growing sub-shrub. Its upright stems have whorls of gray-green leaves covered with soft white hairs. Touching the foliage may cause a skin irritation, so wear gloves when pruning or handling. In spring and summer its produces a tall flower spike with hundreds of small blue or lavender-blue flowers which is very attractive to bees and butterflies. It needs full sun and can tolerate any soil type. Drought and salt tolerant therefore can be used in xeriscaping. Also could be used in a mixed border, or as a specimen. Be aware that it might escape and populate natural areas.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name:	Vipérine arbustive
Pronunciation:	EK-ee-um KAN-dee-kans
Plant Type:	Shrub
Origin:	Western Europe
Heat Zones:	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Hardiness Zones:	9, 10, 11
Uses:	Hedge, Mass Planting, Wildlife

Size/Shape

Growth Rate:	Fast
Tree Shape:	Round
Canopy Symmetry:	Symmetrical
Canopy Density:	Dense
Canopy Texture:	Medium
Height at Maturity:	1.5 to 3 m
Spread at Maturity:	1.5 to 3 meters
Time to Ultimate Height:	1 to 2 Years

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Flower Image

### Botanical Description

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#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Spiral

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Lanceolate

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Hairy

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green, Blue-Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** Over 20

**Flower Type:** Spike

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Blue

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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#### Trunk

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

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Fruit Colors:** Brown

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

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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

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** No pruning at all

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

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Mites, Whitefly, Snail

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting

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