

Pseuderanthemum atropurpureum

(Purple Croton)

This small, tender, evergreen shrub is native of New Caledonia and Vanuata in western Polynesia. The leaves are variegated (var. carruthersii), fully green in color (var. reticulatum) or the edges are rimmed in purple and undersides a more pronounced purple (var. atropurpureum). This shrub's green to purplish green foliage are topped by small, trumpet-like flowers of pink or white and magenta.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Pseudo éranthème

Pronunciation: soo-der-RANTH-ee-mum

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Polynesia

Heat Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Hedge, Specimen, Border Plant, Mass Planting, Indoor, Container

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Upright

Height at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 m

Spread at Maturity: Less than 50 cm, 0.5 to 1 meter

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Smooth, Glossy, Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green, Yellow, Red, Variegated

Color(changing season): Green, Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Purple, White, Pink

Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy, Smooth

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Seasons: Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Edible Parts:

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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