

Westringia fruitcosa

(Coast Rosemary)

Westringia fruitcosa (Coast Rosemary) looks like Rosemary without the nice fragrance in the leaves. It is native to Australia. It is a dense evergreen shrub reaching maximum of 1.5 m in height. Leaves are in whorls on silvery stems, the linear green or gray-green leaves have white undersides. The white or pale blue flowers appear all year long in the warm climate. Bees loves this flower. Plants are upright when young, more spreading with age .It is highly tolerant of salt spray and drought. It needs full sun and well drained soil. Used as a border, or in xeriscaping. It may be invasive in some sites.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Weistringia ou Westringia, Romarin d'australie
Pronounciation: west-RING-ee-uh froo-tih-KOH-suh
Plant Type: Shrub
Origin: Australia
Heat Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12
Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Uses: Specimen, Mass Planting, Wildlife

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate
Tree Shape: Round
Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical
Canopy Density: Medium
Canopy Texture: Medium
Height at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 m
Spread at Maturity: Less than 50 cm

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Whorled

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Rough

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Purple, Blue

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Black

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Invasive Potential: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts:

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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