

Aloysia citrodora

(Lemon Verbena and Lemon Beebrush)

Aloysia citrodora, known as lemon verbena, is native to Argentina and Chile, and is grown in tropical regions. It has shiny strong lemon sented lanceolate green leaves. In addition, white to pale lilac flowers, of ornamental sinificance, bloom from mid-summer to early fall. Leaves and flowers can be used for culinary purposes (teas, desserts, fruit salads and jams) perfumes, cosmetics, for potpourris and as herbal medicines .



Plant Image

Landscape Information

<b>French Name:</b> Verveine odorante, Verveine citronnelle
<b>Pronounciation:</b> al-uh-WIZH-ee-uh
<b>Plant Type:</b> Shrub
<b>Origin:</b> Argentina, Chile
<b>Heat Zones:</b> 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
<b>Hardiness Zones:</b> 8, 9, 10
<b>Uses:</b> Container, Edible, Medicinal

Size/Shape

<b>Growth Rate:</b> Moderate
<b>Tree Shape:</b> Spreading
<b>Canopy Symmetry:</b> Symmetrical
<b>Canopy Density:</b> Medium
<b>Canopy Texture:</b> Medium
<b>Height at Maturity:</b> 0.5 to 1 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

### Botanical Description

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#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Semi Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Lanceolate

**Leaf Margins:** Serrate

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy, Coarse

**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:** Raceme

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** White

**Seasons:** Year Round

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#### Trunk

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

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy, Smooth

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Showiness:** False

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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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:** Yes

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Edible Parts:** Leaf, Flower

**Pests:** Mites, Whitefly, Aphids, Mealy-Bug

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting, Division

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