# **Duranta repens 'Variegata'**

## (Variegated golden dewdrops)

The cultivar ' Variegata' has drooping clusters of blue flowers that appear when growing conditions are favorable and attract butterflies. Leaves are white edged.

Syn: Duranta erecta Skyflower is a vigorous fast growing evergreen shrub reaching 3-5 m in height and with an overall weeping shape when mature. The full clusters of fragrant, pale blue flowers attract butterflies in summer and are followed by golden-orange berries, popular with birds. Flowers and fruit are often found on the plant simultaneously and make an attractive show. The plant has thorn and the yellow berries are poisons if indigested. This shrub does best in well-drained average soil and full to partial sun. Plant golden dewdrop singly as a specimen plant or massed as a screen.



Plant Image

### **Landscape Information**

French Name: Vanillier de Cayenne

**Pronounciation:** doo-RAN-tuh REE-penz

Plant Type: Shrub

**Origin:** Florida

**Heat Zones:** 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

**Uses:** Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Border Plant,

Mass Planting, Wildlife, Reclamation

### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast **Tree Shape:** Upright

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium
Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

### **Botanical Description**

### **Foliage**

Leaf Arrangement: Whorled

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistance: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple
Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm
Leaf Shape: Ovate
Leaf Margins: Serrate
Leaf Textures: Rough
Leaf Scent: No Fragance

Color(growing season): Variegated Color(changing season): Variegated

#### **Flower**

Flower Showiness: True Flower Size Range: 7 - 10 Flower Type: Raceme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant Flower Color: Blue

Seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall

#### Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally

resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Fissured, Spines

#### Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True
Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5
Fruit Colors: Yellow, Orange
Seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall

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Leaf Image

### **Horticulture Management**

### **Tolerance**

Frost Tolerant: Yes
Heat Tolerant: Yes
Drought Tolerant: Yes
Salt Tolerance: Moderate

### Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Part

# Management

Toxity: Yes

**Invasive Potential:** Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a

strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No Life Span: 25-50 years Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites, Nematodes, Scales, Whitefly,

**Aphids** 

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting, Layering,

Division, Offset

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