

Cistus x purpureus

(Orchid rock Rose)

The purple rockrose is a compact, shrubby perennial with narrow, soft green leaves. In spring and early summer, single papery lavender-pink flowers appear. Drought and heat-tolerant, this showy hybrid does best in full sun and average soil with good drainage. Prune plants in spring to remove damaged branches and control their growth and shape. Purple rockrose is perfect for dry rock garden, and maritime landscapes. Could be used more.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

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| French Name: Ciste cotonneux, |
| Pronounciation: SIS-tus pur-PUR-ee-us |
| Plant Type: Shrub |
| Origin: Hybrid |
| Heat Zones: 8, 9, 10 |
| Hardiness Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10 |
| Uses: Mass Planting, Wildlife, Native to Lebanon |
| Size/Shape |
| Growth Rate: Moderate |
| Tree Shape: Round |
| Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical |
| Canopy Density: Medium |
| Canopy Texture: Fine |
| Height at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 m |
| Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter |
| Time to Ultimate Height: 2 to 5 Years |

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Rough

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Purple

Seasons: Spring

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Brown, Black

Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full

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: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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