

Teucrium fruticans

(Shrubby geranium)

Teucrium fruticans is evergreen shrub with silvery-white stems and small, narrowly oval mid-green aromatic leaves. Warm weather brings terminal clusters of small lavender or light blue flowers. Bees adore them. This cold-tender shrub favors sun and non-acidic, well-drained, relatively infertile. Takes drought and salty conditions very well. Teucrium harmonizes well with almost any other Mediterranean plants such as rosemary, lavender, oleanders or also with succulents and cacti. Used as low hedge, container plants, xeriscaping, and in mass plantation.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Teucrium, Germandrée en arbre

Pronunciation: TEW-kree-um FROO-tih-kanz

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: West Mediterranean

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 8, 9, 10

Uses: Hedge, Topiary, Mass Planting, Container, Wildlife

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

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: Less than 5
Leaf Shape: Lanceolate
Leaf Margins: Entire
Leaf Textures: Smooth
Leaf Scent: Pleasant
Color(growing season): Blue-Green
Color(changing season): Blue-Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True
Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3
Flower Type: Cyme
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
Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False
Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5
Fruit Colors: Black
Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam

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: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting
