

Origanum marjorana

(Marjoram)

Sweet marjoram is a bushy half-hardy perennial sub-shrub that is often grown as an annual. The plant becomes 30 to 60 cm high. The leaves are oval, sharp, with a straight border and dark green. The leaves are medium green and at both sides gray felt like hairy. The leaves get up to an 2.5 cm long and have a wonderful, very distinctive, perfume fragrance when bruised. Oregano flowers from at late spring and early summer with pink flowers. When Marjoram flowers it is massively visited by the bee. The plant grows best in the full sun, but they need shadow of the noon’s.Sweet marjoram dries out rather quickly. It likes a well-drained soil and frequent watering. No herb garden should be without sweet marjoram.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: La Marjolaine sauvage, Marjolaine vivace
Pronunciation: or-RI-ga-num maj-or-AN-uh
Plant Type: Shrub
Origin: Mediterranean
Heat Zones: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
Hardiness Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10
Uses: Mass Planting, Container, Edible, Medicinal

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate
Tree Shape: Round
Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical
Canopy Density: Open
Canopy Texture: Fine
Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 m
Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter
Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 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: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Smooth

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Cyme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Purple, Pink

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

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: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

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: Leaf

Pests: Aphids

Plant Propagations: Seed
