

Polygala myrtifolia

(September Bush, Sweet Pea Bush)

Polygala myrtifolia is an upright evergreen shrub growing 1 to 2.5 m tall. Its flowers are bright pink to pale purple and closely resemble pea flowers blooming all year around with a peal in spring. It is a tough shrub suitable for low maintenance coastal and water-wise gardens. This fast growing shrub can be used a hedge and is able to grow in most soil types from full sun to semi-shade. When in shade, its growth is a bit more lax, producing fewer flowers, but it grows happily in the difficult pockets that change from full sun to semi-shade with the seasons.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

<b>Pronunciation:</b> pol-ee-GAH-luh mir-tih-FOH-lee-uh
<b>Plant Type:</b> Shrub
<b>Origin:</b> South Africa
<b>Heat Zones:</b> 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
<b>Hardiness Zones:</b> 9, 10, 11, 12
<b>Uses:</b> Hedge, Specimen, Container, Wildlife
<b>Size/Shape</b>
<b>Growth Rate:</b> Slow
<b>Tree Shape:</b> Upright
<b>Canopy Symmetry:</b> Symmetrical
<b>Canopy Density:</b> Medium
<b>Canopy Texture:</b> Fine
<b>Height at Maturity:</b> 1.5 to 3 m
<b>Spread at Maturity:</b> 1.5 to 3 meters

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Flower Image

### Botanical Description

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#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Lanceolate

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Smooth

**Leaf Scent:**

**Color(growing season):** Blue-Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Purple

**Seasons:** Year Round

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#### Trunk

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

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Capsule

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Fruit Colors:** Black

**Seasons:** Year Round

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Leaf Image

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, Low

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Edible Parts:**

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



Other Image