

Phlomis fruticosa

(Jerusalem sage)

Jerusalem sage is a low growing evergreen perennial plant originated from the Mediterranean region . It can tolerate drought, heat, cold. The aromatic foliage has gray color which gives a contrast in the landscape. Used as perennial border, or small hedge. Fits in xeriscape design



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Arabic Name: أذينة جنبية

Pronunciation: FLOW-miss froo-tih-KOH-suh

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: Mediterranean

Heat Zones: 6, 7, 8, 10, 11

Hardiness Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

Uses: Border Plant, Mass Planting, Container, Wildlife, Intensive Green Roof, Extensive Green Roof, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Upright

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 m

Spread at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 meters

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: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Hairy, Coarse

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow

Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Summer, Fall

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Leaf Image

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: 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: Yes

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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