

Origanum syriacum

(Syrian oregano, bible hyssop, Zaatar)

A native of the Mediterranean, zatar is indispensable in Lebanese cuisine and is used medicinally. Some bible scholars believe zatar to be the 'hyssop' mentioned in the bible. Used as a small shrub can be planted directly into the garden or in a container.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Arabic Name:	زَعْتَر
Pronunciation:	uh-RIG-uh-num seer-ee-AY-kum
Plant Type:	Shrub
Origin:	Mediterranean
Heat Zones:	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
Hardiness Zones:	6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
Uses:	Container, Edible, Medicinal, Wildlife, Native to Lebanon, Ground cover
Size/Shape	
Growth Rate:	Moderate
Tree Shape:	Round, oval, Upright
Canopy Symmetry:	Irregular
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:	1 to 2 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Whorled

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Textures: Smooth, Hairy

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: Diecious (Monosexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Purple, White, Pink

Seasons: Summer

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected to breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Schizocarp

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: 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

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Diseases: Powdery Mildew, Root rot

Edible Parts: Leaf

Plant Propagations: Seed

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