

Duranta repens

(Golden Dewdrop, Sky-Flower, Pigeonberry)

Syn: *Duranta erecta* Skyflower is a vigorous fast growing evergreen shrub reaching 3-5 m in height and with an overall weeping shape when mature.. The full clusters of fragrant, pale blue flowers attract butterflies in summer and are followed by golden-orange berries, popular with birds. Flowers and fruit are often found on the plant simultaneously and make an attractive show. The plant has thorn and the yellow berries are poisons if indigested. This shrub does best in well-drained average soil and full to partial sun. Plant golden dewdrop singly as a specimen plant or massed as a screen.



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Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Durante rampante, Durante de plumier

Pronunciation: doo-RAN-tuh REE-penz

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Florida

Heat Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Border Plant, Mass Planting, Wildlife, Reclamation

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Upright

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Whorled

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Serrate

Leaf Textures: Rough

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Type: Raceme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Purple, Blue, White

Seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Fissured, Spines

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Yellow, Orange

Seasons: Spring, 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: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Part

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites, Nematodes, Scales, Whitefly, Aphids

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting, Layering, Division, Offset

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