

## Rosmarinus officinalis

### (Rosemary)

Rosemary is an evergreen woody shrub with aromatic, needle-like leaves and gray, scaly bark. Rosemary grow maximum of 1.8 m tall with a spread 1.2-1.5 m. But usually stays around 1 m. The leaves resemble needles with a pungent fragrance, somewhat reminiscent of pine. Rosemary was originally from the Mediterranean region, where it grows in dry, sandy or rocky soils in a climate characterized by warm summers and mild, dry winters. Rosemary does best in well-drained, sandy, poor to moderately fertile soils and needs at least 6 hrs of sunlight. There are so many uses for rosemary that no garden should be without this attractive and versatile mint. In the herb garden, rosemary is the backbone around which all other herbs rally. Along the path to the front door, rosemary releases its fresh, clean scent when brushed against. Rosemary can take the heat, and does well against a brick or stone wall or in a pot on a sunny patio or terrace. Prostrate varieties will creep over surfaces and blanket the ground in areas that are too dry, sandy or rocky for most ground covers. The leaves of rosamery is used for potpourris, soaps, against moths, and also cooked in many dishes. Rosemary flowers are very attractive to honeybees, and a fine honey is produced.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Romarin

**Arabic Name:** إكليل الجبل (نبت)

**Pronunciation:** ross-mah-RYE-nus oh-fi-shi-NAH-lis

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** Mediterranean

**Heat Zones:** 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

**Hardiness Zones:** 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

**Uses:** Hedge, Mass Planting, Container, Edible, Medicinal, Wildlife

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Tree Shape:** Round

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Dense

**Canopy Texture:** Fine

**Height at Maturity:** 0.5 to 1 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 0.5 to 1 meter

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 2 to 5 Years

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Flower Image

### Botanical Description

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#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Spiral

**Leaf Venation:** Nearly Invisible

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** Less than 5

**Leaf Shape:** Linear

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Waxy

**Leaf Scent:** Pleasant

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

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**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 Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Fruit Colors:** Black

**Seasons:** Year Round

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Leaf Image

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## Horticulture Management

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### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Good

### Requirements

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

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, Low

**Light Requirements:** Full

### Management

**Pruning Requirement:** Needed, to develop a strong structure

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

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** 25-50 years

**Edible Parts:**

**Plant Propagations:**

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