More Mesa Grande Sweet Pea Shrub

Polygala myrtifolia 'Mesa Grande'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

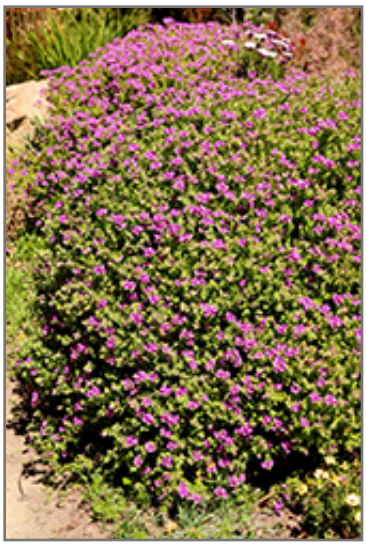
Other Names: Myrtle Leaf Milkwort



More Mesa Grande Sweet Pea Shrub flowers
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Description:

A dense upward growing shrub with dark green evergreen foliage; vivid purple winged flowers with a whitish crest through the year, with a peak flush in spring; an excellent windbreak or screen; very drought tolerant once established



More Mesa Grande Sweet Pea Shrub in bloom
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Ornamental Features

More Mesa Grande Sweet Pea Shrub features dainty clusters of violet pea-like flowers with white overtones at the ends of the branches from mid winter to late fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green foliage with hints of red which emerges light green in spring. The oval leaves remain dark green throughout the winter. The brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

More Mesa Grande Sweet Pea Shrub is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

More Mesa Grande Sweet Pea Shrub is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

More Mesa Grande Sweet Pea Shrub will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

More Mesa Grande Sweet Pea Shrub makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.