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## Wiri Charm Hebe



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*Hebe 'Wiri Charm'*

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Shrubby Veronica

### Description:

A lovely compact shrub presenting attractive, dark green glossy foliage; large spikes of rose-purple flowers appear from spring to fall; ideal for small gardens, borders, and containers; prune lightly to maintain shape

### Ornamental Features

Wiri Charm Hebe has masses of beautiful spikes of rose star-shaped flowers with purple overtones rising above the foliage from mid spring to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its attractive glossy oval leaves remain dark green in colour with pointy dark red spines throughout the year. The dark red stems can be quite attractive.

### Landscape Attributes

Wiri Charm Hebe is an open multi-stemmed annual with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Wiri Charm Hebe is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Wiri Charm Hebe flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Wiri Charm Hebe in bloom*  
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### Planting & Growing

Wiri Charm Hebe will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. To help this plant achieve its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Wiri Charm Hebe is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.