

Thryptomene *Thryptomene denticulata*



NATIVE PLANT NOTES

Description

Thryptomene denticulata is a small shrub 0.4–1.5 m high and 1 m wide with an open, arching habit. Its tiny leaves provide a great contrast in the garden.

Flowers

This plant produces purple flowers with its main show in late winter and early spring. However, under cultivation minor flowering can occur right through to early summer.

Growing conditions

It thrives in all soil types but it is important that the site is free-draining. It prefers full sun but can be grown in part-shade although flowering will be less prolific.

Thryptomene denticulata is best planted in the autumn and winter months.

Watering

Once established this plant is drought tolerant. For optimum floral display, it is best watered once a week at the base of the plant. Open mulch will help to conserve moisture.

Pruning

To maintain well-shaped flowering plants it is advisable to remove one third of the foliage following flowering.

Fertiliser

Apply slow release native blend 8–9 month fertiliser at time of planting and annually as required in the spring months.

Pests and diseases

The leaves may be eaten by caterpillars.

Miscellaneous

For the best display plant en masse. After 5 to 10 years the plants are best replaced with new stock.



Further Information

Gardening Advisory Service, a free service provided by Kings Park Volunteer Master Gardeners.
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