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SPECIES

Cuphea hyssopifolia

COMMON NAME

False heather, Mexican heather, Hawaiian heather or elfin herb

ORIGIN

Native to Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras.

DESIGN USE

This plant has gained the Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit.



HEIGHT

It grows to about 60 cm high

SPREAD

90 cm wide

HABIT

The species is naturalised in Hawaii, and regarded as a serious weed there.

FORM

It is a small evergreen shrub with fine foliage.

FLOWERS

It has purple, lavender or white coloured flowers.

FLOWERING PERIOD

All year round

FRUIT

BARK / TRUNK

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

In colder regions it may be cultivated as an annual.

HORTICULTURE

In cultivation, the species adapts to a range of soils in a sunny or partially shaded situation with good drainage. It can be cultivated outdoors in USDA hardiness zones 8B-11. Plants may be propagated by cuttings, layering or division. They seed freely, and new seedlings that appear are easily transplanted.

REFERENCES

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