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SPECIES	Plumbago auriculata
COMMON NAME	Cape Leadwort
ORIGIN	South Africa
DESIGN USE	As borders, foundation plantings, and for colour massed in beds.



HEIGHT

1–3m

SPREAD

1–5.5m

HABIT

Soft-wooded climber with the roots sucker closely.

FORM

Forms a mounded shrub in the open, or climbing through other plants.

FLOWERS

Terminal heads of soft crepey, pale blue flowers open from sticky buds through most of the year.

FLOWERING PERIOD

Blooms all year long except for the coldest winter months.

VARIATIONS

“Alba” (white flowers)

“Royal Cape” (slightly deeper blue flowers)

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Fairly drought tolerant once established.

HORTICULTURE

Most species prefer full sun or part shade in moist well-drained soils.

Flowering will be reduced in partial shade.

REFERENCES

<http://www.floridata.com/ref/P/plumbago.cfm>

