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**SPECIES**

*Prostanthera rotundifolia*

**COMMON NAME**

Round-leaved Mint Bush, Round Leaf Mint Bush

**ORIGIN**

New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia

**DESIGN USE**



**HEIGHT**

2m

**SPREAD**

1.5m

**HABIT**

Fast growing

**FORM**

The plant is a branched woody shrub, which may reach up to 2 metres (7 ft). It has dark green round leaves 4–10 millimetres (0.16–0.39 in) long. Growing they develop a round-shaped shrub.



**FLOWERS**

Flowers are generally purple in colour and are prolific in spring. Pink flowered forms are sometimes seen. Bell-shaped, pale purple flowers.

**FLOWERING PERIOD**

Spring, Mid-spring to early summer.

**FRUIT**

The fruit consists of 4 nutlets.

**CLIMATIC TOLERANCES**

Sunset zones: 14-17, 19-24. USDA zones: 9-10 (may be hardier).

**HORTICULTURE**

should be pruned back annually by about one third if a bushy shape is to be retained. Like most prostantheras it prefers a well drained, moist position with some shelter from direct summer sun. Under dry conditions it will wilt noticeably but quickly recovers when watered. It is a good "indicator" of when watering is required in a garden generally. Prostantheras respond to well to annual fertilising after flowering and are not as sensitive as some other Australian plants to phosphorus. Propagation is easy from cuttings but seed can be slow to germinate.



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