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SPECIES

Pseuderanthemum carruthersii

COMMON NAME

Pseuderanthemum, El Dorado

ORIGIN

Probably Melanesia, New Caledonia and the New Hebrides (Vanuatu)

DESIGN USE

Effective informal hedges



HEIGHT

1–3m

SPREAD

0.6–1.5m

HABIT

Upright, semi-woody shrubs

FLOWERS

Terminal panicles, white or pink with purple spots.



FLOWERING PERIOD

Most of the year

VARIATIONS

var carruthersii cv "*Burgundy Black*" (smaller, rose-pink spotty flowers, and broad, solid burgundy leaves, greener in deep shade)
var carruthersii cv "*Tricolor*" (smaller and more variegated)
var Reticulatum (yellow tip growth, and veins in young leaves, the oldest plain green)



HORTICULTURE

Prefers fertile, moist well-drained soils and tolerate shade, but full sun and regular tip pruning enhance bushy growth and richer leaf colour. Ample watering and partial shade are recommended in hot, arid climates.

REFERENCES

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