

SPECIES COMMON NAME ORIGIN DESIGN USE Westringia fruticosa Native Rosemary New South Wales Hedge, Fence Screen, Windbreak, Container Plant



#### HEIGHT 2m

SPREAD

5m

#### HABIT

Growth is naturally stiff and bushy but responds to garden treatment by growing much taller. After reaching a mature size it does not deteriorate quickly with age as some species do, but maintains a good condition for years

#### FORM

A large type of ground-cover plant but sometimes it throws out one or two main branches to develop an irregular habit, but generally the plant is shapely.

### **FLOWERS**

The flowers are 2 centimetres across set round the stems in the axils of the leaves. In shape they resemble other flowers of the mint family. They are from white to palest mauve with reddish and yellow brown spots near the throat.

## **FLOWERING PERIOD**

Foliage are seen most months of the year except in extreme heat or cold. In November they are abundant.

#### **CLIMATIC TOLERANCES**

During the coldest weather it keeps a fresh appearance and is also drought hardy, though adequate water should be given to avoid tendency to yellowing leaves and bare wood.

# HORTICULTURE

Not ever so hardy but given a sunny spot well drained with shelter from cold drying winds its worth a try. Can also be grown in a container and moved into a greenhouse in the winter

#### REFERENCES

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