

Cistus x purpureus

Orchid Rockrose



PLANT DESCRIPTION

Plant Type: Evergreen Shrub

Height / Width: 4 ft. H x 4 ft. W

Plant Form: Mounded

Flower / Fruit: A profusion of showy 3-in. reddish purple flowers w/red spot at each petal base, spring to early summer

Leaf: 1-2 in. long, dark green above, gray and hairy beneath

Native To: Mediterranean region

GROWING REQUIREMENTS

Sunset Zones: 6-9, 14-24

Soil: Accepts poor soil, needs well-drained soil if watered

Water: Little or no water

Sun: Full sun

Care and Pruning: Resents hard pruning, periodically cut out a few old stems
Tip-pinch young plants

GARDEN USE Good for erosion control and fire-hazard areas. Carefree shrubs.

BOTANICAL GARDEN Mediterranean Garden