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*Limonium sinuatum*¹

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Introduction

These colorful plants are an excellent source of dried flowers. The flowers are borne in clusters and colors include purple, apricot, yellow, pink, and blue. Statice is a good choice for seashore use as it is salt tolerant. Provide exposure to full sun and a well-drained soil. Overwatering can lead to root rot. In USDA hardiness zones 9b, 10, and 11, *Limonium sinuatum* is generally planted in the fall for winter and spring color.

General Information

Scientific name: *Limonium sinuatum*

Pronunciation: lye-MOE-nee-um sin-yoo-AY-tum

Common name(s): Statice, Sea-Lavender

Family: *Plumbaginaceae*

Plant type: biennial; perennial; herbaceous

USDA hardiness zones: all zones (Fig. 1)

Planting month for zone 7: May

Planting month for zone 8: Apr

Planting month for zone 9: Feb; Mar; Dec

Planting month for zone 10 and 11: Sep; Oct; Nov; Dec

Origin: not native to North America

Uses: mass planting; container or above-ground planter; cut flowers; border

Availability: somewhat available, may have to go out of the region to find the plant

Description

Height: 1 to 2 feet

Spread: 1 to 2 feet

Plant habit: upright

Plant density: moderate

Growth rate: moderate

Texture: medium

Foliage

Leaf arrangement: most emerge from the soil, usually without a stem

Leaf type: simple

Leaf margin: lobed

Leaf shape: oblong

Leaf venation: not applicable

Leaf type and persistence: not applicable

Leaf blade length: 4 to 8 inches

Leaf color: green

Fall color: not applicable

Fall characteristic: not applicable

Flower

Flower color: yellow; apricot; blue; pink; purple

Flower characteristic: year-round flowering

Fruit

Fruit shape: no fruit

Fruit length: no fruit

Fruit cover: no fruit

Fruit color: not applicable

Fruit characteristic: inconspicuous and not showy

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Figure 1. Shaded area represents potential planting range.

Trunk and Branches

Trunk/bark/branches: not applicable
Current year stem/twig color: green
Current year stem/twig thickness: medium

Use and Management

The plants are propagated from seed. Germination can take as long as three-weeks and use care when transplanting.

Culture

Light requirement: plant grows in full sun
Soil tolerances: clay; sand; acidic; loam;
Drought tolerance: moderate
Soil salt tolerances: unknown
Plant spacing: 6 to 12 inches

Other

Roots: not applicable
Winter interest: not applicable
Outstanding plant: not particularly outstanding
Invasive potential: not known to be invasive
Pest resistance: very sensitive to one or more pests or diseases which can affect plant health or aesthetics