**Limonium sinuatum**

Edward F. Gilman

### 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:** ly-EYE-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
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

Figure 1. Shaded area represents potential planting range.