

Solanum rantonnetii



Genus: Solanum
Family: Solanaceae
Order: Solanales
Class: Magnoliopsida
Phylum: Angiosperms

Key Facts:

Toxicity: Toxic if ingested (contains solanine).
Invasiveness: Can be invasive in some regions.
Plant Type: Shrub.
Lifespan: Perennial.

Characteristics:

Plant Height: 1-2 meters.
Spread: 1-2 meters.
Leaf Color: Dark green.
Bloom Time: Spring to fall.
Flower Size: Small to medium.
Flower Color: Purple to lavender.

Distribution:

Origin: Native to South America.
Habitat: Prefers sunny areas, often found in disturbed sites and gardens.

Care:

Difficulty: Easy to moderate.
Toughness: Hardy once established.
Maintenance: Low.
Watering: Water regularly, allowing the soil to dry slightly between waterings.
Pruning: Prune to maintain shape and remove spent flowers.
Propagation: From seeds or cuttings.
Repotting: Not typically necessary for established outdoor plants.

Conditions:

Temperature: Thrives in temperatures between 15°C to 27°C.
Hardiness Zone: USDA zones 9-11.
Sun Requirements: Prefers full sun.
Soil Type: Well-draining, fertile soil.
Use: Ideal for hedges and privacy screens as well as attracting pollinators.
Location: Suitable for gardens, borders, or containers.
Pests and Diseases: May be susceptible to aphids, whiteflies, and fungal diseases. Ensure good air circulation and avoid overwatering.

