

Rosmarinus officinalis



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Genus: Rosmarinus
Family: Lamiaceae
Order: Lamiales
Class: Magnoliopsida
Phylum: Angiospermss

Key Facts:

Toxicity: Non-toxic to humans; mildly toxic to pets if ingested in large quantities.

Invasiveness: Not invasive; easily maintained through pruning.

Plant Type: Evergreen, creeping shrub.

Lifespan: Perennial.

Characteristics:

Plant Height: 0.3–0.5 meters (creeping growth habit).

Spread: Up to 1–1.5 meters wide.

Leaf Color: Aromatic, narrow, dark green leaves with a silvery underside.

Bloom Time: Spring to early summer.

Flower Size: Small, delicate.

Flower Color: Light blue to lavender.

Distribution:

Origin: Mediterranean region.

Habitat: Warm, sunny slopes, and coastal regions.

Care:

Difficulty: Easy.

Toughness: Very hardy; drought-tolerant once established.

Maintenance: Low (occasional pruning to shape and encourage growth).

Watering: Water moderately during the first year to establish roots. Once established, water sparingly as it thrives in dry conditions.

Pruning: Prune lightly after flowering to maintain shape and encourage bushy growth. Avoid heavy pruning into old wood.

Propagation: Propagate easily through stem cuttings in spring or summer.

Repotting: For potted plants, repot every 2–3 years using well-draining soil.

Conditions:

Temperature: Thrives in 15°C–30°C; tolerates up to 40°C in Cyprus. Protect from prolonged frost.

Hardiness Zone: USDA Zones 8–11.

Sun Requirements: Requires full sun (at least 6–8 hours daily).

Soil Type: Well-draining, sandy or loamy soil with slightly alkaline to neutral pH (6.5–7.5).

Use: Ideal for ground cover, rock gardens, cascading over walls, and container planting. Perfect for culinary, ornamental, and aromatic uses.

Location: Thrives in warm, sunny climates with well-drained soil.

