

**Botanical Name:** *Plumbago auriculata* 'Monott'

**Common Name:** Royal Cape® Plumbago

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## SHRUB



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

**Family:** Plumbaginaceae

**Origin:** South Africa

**Climate Zone:** USDA 8-11, Sunset 8-9, 12-24, H1-2

**Mature Height:** 5 feet

**Mature Width:** 6-8 feet

**Plant Type:** Evergreen

**Growth Habit:** Mounding

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Flower Color/Details:** 3-4 inch blue clusters, darker than species, sticky to touch

**Flower Season:** Early spring through early winter, blooming year round except in coldest winters

**Bark:** N/A

**Fruit:** N/A

**Foliage:** Thin, medium, 2 inch long green leaves with small ear-like projections at base on thin, arching stems

**Use:** Background, filler plant, border, container, groundcover, erosion control

**Floral:** Flowers used in leis

**Wildlife/Beneficials:** Attracts butterflies

**Deer Resistant:** Yes

**Fire Resistant:** Unknown

**Medicinal Uses/Edible:** Unknown

**Adverse Factors:** Sap may cause dermatitis, susceptible to insects, if overwatered or crowded

**Soil:** Adaptable with good drainage

**Exposure:** Full Sun to light shade

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**WUCOLS Water Needs:** L M M M / M

**UC Davis Arboretum All-Star:** No

**Description:** A large evergreen vine-like shrub with a long bloom season. Established plants are tolerant of heat and drought but can become sparse if periodic deep watering is not provided.

**Maintenance:** Once established, needs only occasional watering. If tied, grows as vine to 12 feet. Heavy frost can damage foliage, prune back and it quickly regrows. Flowers do not require deadheading.



#1 Nursery Container