





VERBENA RIGIDA

Sandpaper Verbena


 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Attracts butterflies

 Deer resistant

 Rabbit resistant

 Native to S. Brazil & Argentina

Why we love it...

Sandpaper verbena is a tough little groundcover. Not only is it drought and heat tolerant, the abrasiveness of its toothed leaves offers it some extra protection from predators like deer and rabbits. Clusters of deep purple flowers that are particularly attractive to butterflies appear for most of the warm season.

This fast-growing groundcover is perfect for use in rock gardens, around pools, and along the edges of pathways. It does equally well in containers, in beds, or in the ground. Sandpaper verbena looks spectacular when mixed in with other low-water groundcovers like blackfoot daisy and 'new gold' lantana. Plant alongside agave and desert spoon in cactus gardens for easy color and soft texture.



Lydia says: If Sandpaper Verbena begins to look rangy, cut it back hard to the ground to encourage a flush of fresh growth.

Perennial:
Verbena rigida

Size (H x W): 1-2 feet x 3-4 feet

Blooms: Purple in summer and fall

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: 15° F, USDA Zone 8

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: Late winter to early spring

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast



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