

DALEA PULCHRA

Bush Dalea

-  Low to moderate water
-  Full sun to part shade
-  Attracts butterflies
-  Rabbit resistant once established
-  Deer resistant
-  Native to N. Mexico, Arizona

Why we love it...

Bush dalea has a soft, informal appearance that harmonizes well with its desert surroundings. This Arizona native features magenta to purple puffball blooms in late winter to early spring that contrast beautifully with the shrub's fuzzy, silvery foliage. Because the nectar-rich flowers appear when many other flowering shrubs are just breaking dormancy, bush dalea is often a hub of activity for butterflies and other important pollinators when it's in bloom.

Although this heat and drought tolerant evergreen is often classified as xeric, it has a more pleasing appearance with some supplemental summer irrigation, as it tends to shed leaves in response to extreme drought. Bush dalea makes a perfect background for smaller plants with yellow/orange flowers or darker foliage, and works well in medians or borders; where reflected heat can be problematic for shrubs that are less tolerant of extreme temperatures.



Lydia says: Bush dalea is a low-maintenance shrub that needs excellent drainage to survive. Keep pruning to a minimum and water infrequently for the best results.

Semi-evergreen Shrub: *Dalea pulchra*

Size (H x W): 4-5 feet x 4-5 feet

Blooms: Magenta to purple in late winter to early spring

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: 15° F, USDA Zone 8

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: Spring (after blooming)

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast



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