




# SOPHORA SECUNDIFLORA

## Texas Mountain Laurel

 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Native to North Mexico, Texas, New Mexico

### Why we love it...

We get a lot of inquiries about Texas Mountain Laurel when they start blooming in spring. Everyone wants to know about the plants covered with wisteria-like purple flowers that smell like grape bubble gum! There's really no other plant quite like it, so this is an easy one for us to identify by description alone.

Texas Mountain Laurel has dark green, glossy leaves that stay on the plant through winter, so it makes a great dense screen. It tends to be multi-stemmed and shrubby if left unpruned, but is often shaped into a small, rounded tree that fits nicely into residential landscapes. Very little pruning is needed or recommended, as this drought-tolerant plant grows slowly and only blooms on the previous year's wood. It grows well in rocky, alkaline soils, and needs good drainage to thrive.



\*Parts of this plant are reported to be toxic if ingested



**Lydia says:** Texas Mountain Laurel is a favorite food of genista moth larvae, also called sophora worms. They can be treated safely and organically with BT worm killer.

### Evergreen Tree or Shrub: *Sophora secundiflora*

**Size (H x W):** 15-20 feet x 6-10 feet

**Blooms:** Fragrant purple in spring

**Exposure:** Full sun to part shade

**Hardiness Zone:** 10° F, USDA Zone 7

**Water:** Low to moderate

**Pruning:** After flowering in May, only if necessary

**Growth Rate:** Slow to moderate



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