

Conradina grandiflora Conradina, Large-Flowered Rosemary¹

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Introduction

Conradina is a small, drought tolerant native shrub well suited for use as a tall ground cover or low shrub along the beach. It is an endangered plant in Florida.

General Information

Scientific name: *Conradina grandiflora*

Pronunciation: kon-ruh-DYE-nuh gran-dif-FLOR-uh

Common name(s): Conradina, Large-Flowered Rosemary

Family: *Labiatae*

Plant type: ground cover

USDA hardiness zones: 10 through 11 (Fig. 1)

Planting month for zone 10 and 11: year round

Origin: native to Florida

Uses: ground cover; mass planting

Availability: somewhat available, may have to go out of the region to find the plant

Description

Height: 1 to 3 feet

Spread: depends upon supporting structure

Plant habit: spreading

Plant density: moderate

Growth rate: fast

Texture: medium

Foliage

Leaf arrangement: opposite/subopposite

Leaf type: simple

Leaf margin: entire

Leaf shape: oblong



Figure 1. Shaded area represents potential planting range.

Leaf venation: not applicable

Leaf type and persistence: fragrant

Leaf blade length: unknown

Leaf color: green

Fall color: no fall color change

Fall characteristic: not showy

Flower

Flower color: blue

Flower characteristic: year-round flowering

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Fruit

Fruit shape: round

Fruit length: less than .5 inch

Fruit cover: dry or hard

Fruit color: unknown

Fruit characteristic: inconspicuous and not showy

Trunk and Branches

Trunk/bark/branches: not particularly showy; typically multi-trunked or clumping stems

Current year stem/twig color: unknown

Current year stem/twig thickness: unknown

Culture

Light requirement: plant grows in full sun

Soil tolerances: acidic; slightly alkaline; sand; loam; clay

Drought tolerance: high

Soil salt tolerances: unknown

Plant spacing: 18 to 24 inches

Other

Roots: usually not a problem

Winter interest: no special winter interest

Outstanding plant: not particularly outstanding

Invasive potential: not known to be invasive

Pest resistance: no serious pests are normally seen on the plant