

Melochia tomentosa



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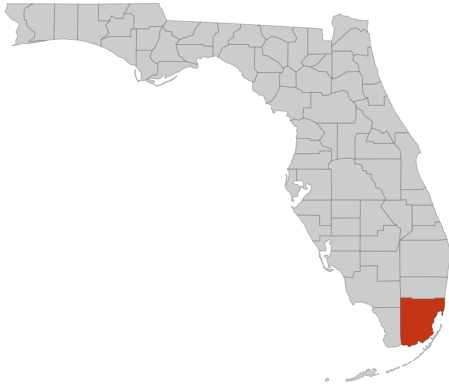
Tea Bush, Woolly Pyramidflower

Malvaceae

Plant Specifics

- Size:** Usually to about 3 ft. tall but has been reported as much as 10 ft.
- Life Span:** Long-lived perennial
- Flower Color:** Pink
- Phenology:** Evergreen. Flowers year round but most heavily to early spring.
- Habitats:** Pine rocklands

Natural Range in Florida



USDA Zones

Suitable to grow in:

10B

Landscaping

- Recommended Uses:** Use as a specimen plant.
- Light:** ☀ Full Sun, ☁ Part Shade
- Moisture Tolerance:** Not wet but not extremely dry ----- to -----
Somewhat long very dry periods
- Salt Water Flooding Tolerance:** Not salt tolerant of inundation by salty or brackish water.
- Salt Spray Tolerance:** Low/no tolerance of salty wind or direct salt spray
- Soil/Substrate:** Lime rock, Sand

Wildlife



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Attracts pollinating insects, especially bees. Roger Hammer reports that insects swarm on the flowers, especially small butterflies such as hairstreaks, crescents, blues, and skippers, and also nectar-seeking wasps, various native bees, and imported honeybees.