

Stachytarpheta jamaicensis



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Blue Porterweed, Joee

Verbenaceae

Plant Specifics

Size: 0.5-1 ft tall by 3-4 ft wide

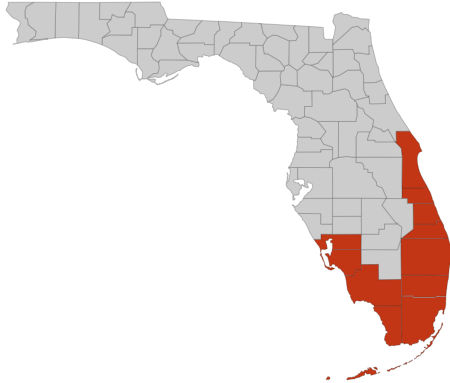
Life Span: Short-lived perennial

Flower Color: Blue, purple

Phenology: Evergreen. Blooms more-or-less all year.

Habitats: Coastal strand, open areas in dry mesic hardwood forests, sometimes nestled under trees along sa roadsides.

Natural Range in Florida



USDA Zones

Suitable to grow in:

10A 10B 11 9B

Landscaping

Recommended Uses: Groundcover or in a meadow.

Light: ☀ Full Sun, ☁ Part Shade

Moisture Tolerance: Somewhat moist, no flooding ----- to ----- Very long very dry periods

Salt Water Flooding Tolerance: Tolerant of occasional/brief inundation such as can occur in storm surges.

Salt Spray Tolerance: Moderate. Tolerant of salty wind and may get some salt spray. Exposure to salt spray would be uncommon (major storms).

Soil/Substrate: Lime rock, Sand

Wildlife



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Attracts hummingbirds.

Larval host for tropical buckeye (*Junonia genoveva*) butte

Nectar plant for many butterflies and moths including:
Bahamian swallowtail (*Papilio andraemon*), clouded skipper (*Lerema accius*), Cuban crescent (*Phyciodes frisia*), Dora longtail (*Urbanus dorantes*), fiery skipper (*Hylephila phyle*), great southern white (*Ascia monuste*), gulf fritillary (*Agraulis vanillae*), julia (*Dryas iulia*), large orange sulphur (*Phoebastria agarithe*), little yellow (*Eurema lisa*), long-tailed skipper (*Urbanus proteus*), lyside skipper (*Kricogonia lyside*), Me skipper (*Hesperia meskei*), Palatka skipper (*Euphyes pila*), red admiral (*Vanessa atalanta*), Schaus' swallowtail (*Papilio aristodemus ponceanus*), swarthy skipper (*Nastra lhermia*), tropical checkered-skipper (*Pyrgus oileus*) and variegated fritillary (*Euptoieta claudia*) ([IRC](#))

Used by bees including *Bombus pensylvanicus* (Deyrup 2002).