

Texas Mountain Laurel

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If you see a purple tree blooming around town, that is a Texas Mountain Laurel, *Sophora Secundiflora*. This is a small native tree or even considered a large shrub as it often is multi-trunked like a Crape Myrtle but you can find them with a single trunk. In the spring the tree is covered with clusters of purple, very fragrant flowers that resemble a wisteria. Great for cut flower arrangements too.

The Texas Mountain Laurel grows to around 20' tall and 15' wide but it is very slow growing so it is best to start with a larger tree. The soil preferred is moist and more alkaline. They do not require trimming or much care and because they are a native plant they are not normally prone to insects or disease. They are perfect for our environment.

Happy Gardening!

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