

Country Garden Greenhouse

Germander



Nothing draws bees better than germander in bloom. A showy edging plant with glossy dark scalloped leaves and rosy flower spikes covered in contented bees. Hardier than both lavender and boxwood, it responds well to pruning, making it perfect as a low hedge or border planting where those plants will not grow. Germander thrives over a wide range of zones, prefers full sun, and tolerates poor soil. It has only average water needs, and is drought tolerant. Rarely troubled by pests. A striking container plant for patios and balcony

gardens. It has been used as a medicinal herb since Roman times, the infusion used to quiet upset stomach and promote appetite; however, it is not well metabolized by the liver and should be used sparingly. Germander once enjoyed a considerable reputation in the treatment of gout. Fresh leaves release a strong garlic odour when rubbed, and are used as a flavouring in liqueurs, vermouths, and tonic wines.