Happy Wanderer Purple Vine Lilac

Hardenbergia violacea 'Happy Wanderer'



Happy Wanderer Purple Vine Lilac flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: Hardenbergia monophylla

Description:

A beautiful evergreen vine presenting narrow blue-green leaves that are rounded at the tips, and clusters of pinkish-purple flowers from mid-winter to early spring; this vigorous climber will benefit from an occasional cutting back

Ornamental Features

Happy Wanderer Purple Vine Lilac is clothed in stunning clusters of lilac purple pea-like flowers with purple overtones and chartreuse spots along the branches from mid winter to early spring, which emerge from distinctive violet flower buds. It has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage which emerges chartreuse in spring. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. The coppery-bronze branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Happy Wanderer Purple Vine Lilac is a multi-stemmed evergreen woody vine with a twining and trailing habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This woody vine will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Happy Wanderer Purple Vine Lilac is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Happy Wanderer Purple Vine Lilac will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. As a climbing vine, it tends to be leggy near the base and should be underplanted with low-growing facer plants. It should be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This woody vine does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Happy Wanderer Purple Vine Lilac makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.