Paseo Rancho Verbena

Verbena lilacina 'Paseo Rancho'



Paseo Rancho Verbena flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Spacing: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: Pink Cedros Island Verbena

Description:

A mounded plant with very fine, dissected foliage; clusters of fragrant light pink flowers with purple stamens rise up nearly year round, peaking in spring and summer; drought tolerant, but water occasionally to keep looking lush; great for containers



Paseo Rancho Verbena in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Paseo Rancho Verbena is bathed in stunning clusters of fragrant shell pink star-shaped flowers with purple anthers rising above the foliage from mid spring to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive deeply cut narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Paseo Rancho Verbena is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Paseo Rancho Verbena is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Paseo Rancho Verbena will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 4 feet apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Paseo Rancho Verbena is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.