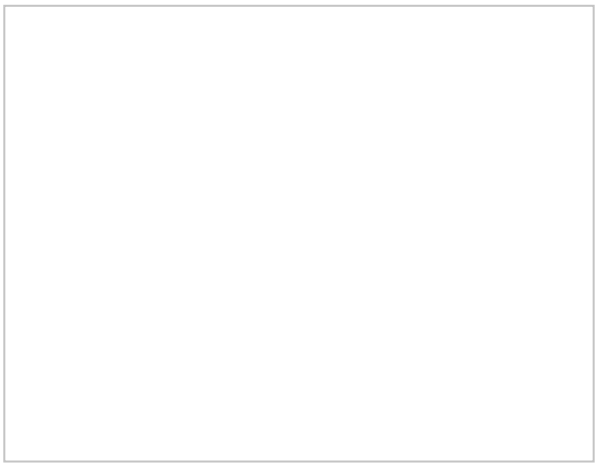
Silky eremophila



Eremophila nivea, commonly known as silky eremophila, is a flowering plant in the figwort family, Scrophulariaceae and is endemic to Western Australia. In nature it is a rare shrub with hairy branches and leaves, and blue, purple or violet flowers.
Eremophila nivea is an erect shrub which grows to a height of between 0.8 1.6 m (3 5 ft). Its branches, leaves and sepals are covered with a layer of soft white to greyish matted hairs giving the plant a silvery-greyish appearance. The leaves are arranged alternately along the branches and have a covering of woolly hairs.
The flowers are borne singly or in pairs in leaf axils on woolly stalks purplish-black tips. Flowering occurs from August to October, the soft, silvery-grey foliage and pale to deep blue flowers. It will grow in most soils, is both drought and frost tolerant but needs to be grown in full sun. It benefits from regular pruning after flowering to preserve its shape and to help prevent fungal diseases.

Category: Flowering shrubs
Families: Scrophulariaceae
Genus: Eremophila
Species: nivea
Geographical Area of Origin: Oceania
Climatic Zones: Mediterranean: South and islands, hills. USDA 10 a
Habit: Shrub
Leaves: Evergreen
Colore Foglie: Grigio
Flowering Period: Aprile / Maggio / Giugno / Luglio / Agosto / Settembre / Ottobre
Flower: Tubular
Colore Fiori: Viola
Favorite soil: Sub-acid / medium acid / Middle-Dough / Medium soil
Water needs: Medium
Light Exposure: Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun

Form: Tree / Grown as shrub / bush
Colore Frutti: Marrone