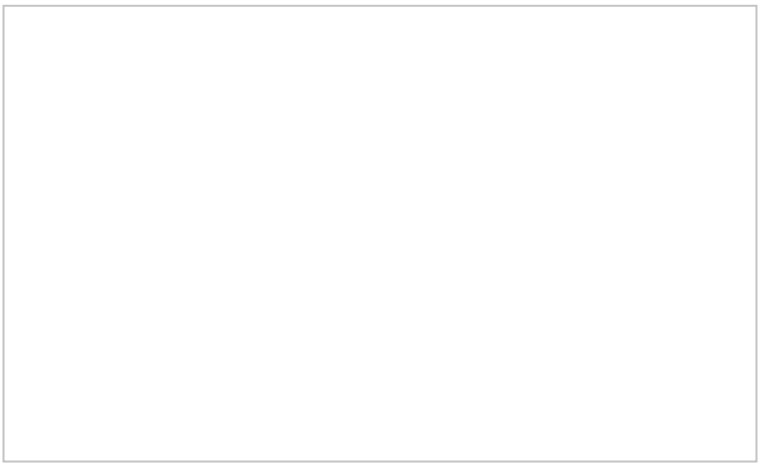
Myrtle-leaf milkwort



Polygala myrtifolia, theï myrtle-leaf milkwort, is an evergreen 2-4m tallï South Africanï shrub or small tree found along the southern and south-eastern coasts, from nearï Clanwilliamï in the Western Cape toï KwaZulu-Natal. It is a fast-growing pioneer plant, a typicalï fynbosï component, and may be found on dunes, rocky places, along forest margins, beside streams, and in open grassland. It belongs to theï milkwortï family ofï Polygalaceae.
The shrub blooms from March to October: some flowers remain during the winter. The small flowers, in the shape of butterflies, are purple pink with white spots, gathered in bunches.
It is suitable for all soils, even calcareous, and prefers a sunny exposure. In summer it requires abundant watering. Withstands up to - 4 ï / - 5 ï C. (24,8ï F)
Polygala Myrtifolia is ideal for planting in groups, for small hedges or planters.
Originally from South Africa, it is cultivated as an ornamental plant and has become widely naturalized in temperate climate zones such as Oceania and southern Europe.
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Category: Flowering shrubs
Families: Polygalaceae
Genus: Polygala
Species: myrtifolia
Geographical Area of Origin: South Africa
Climatic Zones: Mediterranean: South and islands, hills. USDA 10 a
Habit: Shrub
Leaves: Evergreen
Colore Foglie: Verde
Flowering Period: Marzo / Aprile / Maggio / Giugno / Luglio / Agosto / Settembre / Ottobre
Flower: Simple flower
Colore Fiori: Viola
Favorite soil: Sub-acid / medium acid / Light sandy / 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