

# Emerald Goddess Gardens

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**A Gift from Our Garden**

<b>Botanical Name</b>	Cornutia grandiflora
<b>Common Name</b>	Tropical or Jamaican Lilac
<b>Mature Size</b>	5 to 6 ft.
<b>Bloom Color</b>	Lavender, Purple
<b>Bloom Period</b>	Spring
<b>Bloom Form</b>	Raceme
<b>Water</b>	Moderate
<b>Light</b>	Full Sun to Light Shade
<b>Fragrance</b>	Fragrant Leaves
<b>Uses</b>	Fragrant Leaves, Fast Grower, Attracts Butterflies
<b>Special Features</b>	Butterfly Gardens, Mixed Perennials, Potted
<b>USDA Hardiness</b>	9, 10, 11



Cornutia grandiflora is a lesser known, large growing, flowering tropical shrub that is native to Costa Rica. It matures as a large upright shrub with big, velvet textured, fragrant, sage green foliage and unusual square shaped stems.

Large racemes of purple and lavender flowers appear at the terminal ends in a long bloom cycle beginning in late Spring and lasting through early Summer. It is often called Tropical or Jamaican Lilac. However it is the leaves and not the flowers that have a fragrance that is described as similar to lilacs. Note that the leaf fragrance is not at all sweet or perfume like.

The flowers are attractive to bees, so this plant is a great choice for Pollinator and Habitat Gardens. It can be incorporated into mixed perennial beds, grown as a large hedge, or in large garden pots and requires little care or maintenance.

Find another Cortunia grandiflora on our website and add even more beauty to your butterfly garden!  
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If you don't know your USDA Planting Zone, you can check the map on our website site at [emeraldgoddessgardens.com](http://emeraldgoddessgardens.com)

## ***Please accept this gift from our garden:***

- It is sent with our thanks, and in an effort to keep the old tradition of pass-along plants alive.
- We understand that it might not be a plant you like, or even have a spot for. If that should be the case, then please pass it along to a friend. (Along with our contact information, we hope!)
- We change the type of plant that we enclose frequently, so you can anticipate a new surprise with each new order.
- *Enjoy and please come back often!*

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### **Getting your *Cornutia grandiflora* started:**

- Immediately repot the new plant into a 6 inch to 10 inch diameter pot (a 6 inch pot is the recommended size for starter plugs) that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Apply a high quality, slow release plant food according to the label directions. Do not use hot, all chemical fertilizers like 6-6-6 or 10-10-10.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun.
- Maintain consistent and uniform moisture in the soil. Take care not to over water.
- Packing crystals may be reused to conserve water, but do so with caution as they hold 6000 times their weight in water.
- If reusing the crystals, mix and incorporate them thoroughly throughout the potting media.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water for more than a few hours.
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often when the plant is young and actively growing to strengthen the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly.
- Protect from frost and freeze, as even cold tolerant plants can be damaged by cold, and tropicals will perform better, flower earlier, and live longer within their Zone Range when protected from cold temperatures.

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