



# DESERT WILLOW

## CHILOPSIS LINEARIS

DESERT WILLOW IS A FAST-GROWING CALIFORNIA NATIVE SHRUB OR SMALL TREE THAT IS STUNNING IN BLOOM. ITS SOMEWHAT VARIABLE, PINK TO MAGENTA 2" TUBULAR FLOWERS HAVE A DELICATE BEAUTY THAT BELIES THE EXTREMELY TOUGH NATURE OF THIS PLANT, WHICH THRIVES IN HOT, ARID CLIMATES. REACHING ABOUT 15' TALL (OCCASIONALLY UP TO 30'), IT CAN EITHER BE LEFT SHRUBBY OR PRUNED TO TAKE ON A MORE TREE-LIKE FORM. ITS RUGGED YET AIRY BEAUTY MAKES A WONDERFUL ADDITION TO THE DRY GARDEN, WHERE ITS FRAGRANT, ORCHID-LIKE BLOSSOMS ARE MUCH VISITED BY HUMMINGBIRDS AND BEES. NOT RELATED TO THE TRUE WILLOWS, DESERT WILLOW OCCURS IN NATURE IN DESERT WASHES WHERE IT RECEIVES MINIMAL WATER THROUGHOUT THE GROWING MONTHS. GORGEOUS!

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