



Leptodermis
Leptodermis oblonga

Height: 18 inches
Spread: 18 inches
Sunlight: ☉ ●
Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

A dwarf mounding shrub that is low growing; fragrant violet-purple flowers appear in late spring; produces flowers throughout much of the growing season on new wood

Ornamental Features

Leptodermis features showy clusters of fragrant violet tubular flowers along the branches from late spring to mid fall. It has green foliage throughout the season. The glossy oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Leptodermis is an herbaceous deciduous shrub with a mounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Leptodermis is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use



Leptodermis flowers
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Leptodermis in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Leptodermis will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.