



DURANTA ERECTA 'SWEET MEMORY'

Have you been looking for a very large shrub to screen that unsightly view next door? Well here is the answer. This shrub may reach 18 to 25 feet in height and almost as wide. With some training it may be developed into a specimen tree. Also known as golden dew-drop, pigeonberry, skyflower, and angels-whisper, *Duranta erecta* is native to tropical America and has naturalized in the Caribbean and Pacific isles, including Hawaii. It is a member of the Verbenaceae family. The light green leaves are about 3 inches long, and are arranged in pairs or in whorls of three. Occasionally they are armed with a stout spine in the leaf axils. 'Sweet Memory' has dark purple flowers, with a fine white line bordering each of the five petals. The dime-sized flowers are produced in short clusters about six inches long. Small round yellow fruit are produced after flowering. The fruit is poisonous to humans, but evidently birds are not affected as they are responsible for seed dispersal. Skyflower will appear more lush and flower heavily if watered and fertilized on a regular basis. Due to its sprawling nature, 'Sweet Memory' requires pruning if confined to tight areas. Hardy to 10° F. USDA Zone 7.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (H X W)	18-25 feet x 18-25 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Dark purple
FLOWER SEASON	Summer - Fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun, part shade
WATER	Moderate
GROWTH RATE	Slow
HARDINESS	10° F, USDA Zone 7
PRUNING	Minimal



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