



LEUCOPHYLLUM FRUTESCENS GREEN CLOUD™

OUTSTANDING FEATURES: The medium-dark green leaves; the large, bright, rose-purple flowers; and the upright to spreading shape combine to give *Leucophyllum frutescens* **Green Cloud**™ its ornamental appeal. This clone is trademarked by Texas A&M University.

DESCRIPTION: *Leucophyllum frutescens* **Green Cloud**™ is a large, upright to spreading shrub that can grow to 6-8 feet tall by 6-8 feet across. The relatively large, green leaves provide an ideal backdrop for the rich, rose-purple flowers. In low deserts, this plant will retain most of its foliage. However, in colder winters, or in middle desert locations, the plant will shed about one-half of its foliage, leaving the plant somewhat bare. **Green Cloud**™ is the most deciduous *Leucophyllum* we grow. The 1 inch long, rose-purple flowers appear from June through October, seemingly triggered by periods of high humidity.

CULTURE/MAINTENANCE: Plants are hardy to 10° F if they are allowed to go dormant in fall and winter. In other words, do not apply fertilizer or supplemental water during that part of the year. **Green Cloud**™ is quite drought tolerant, but plants will be denser and flower better if given supplemental water in the summer. This form is fast growing, and can achieve a fairly large size in one or two growing seasons. The growth rate will vary a little depending on the amount of supplemental water applied during the growing season. Be sure to plant **Green Cloud**™ in ample sunlight and well-drained soil. A poorly drained soil will cause root rot. Plants should be pruned back severely in the spring to increase density, then left to grow naturally throughout the summer and fall blooming seasons.

IDENTIFICATION: *Leucophyllum frutescens* **Green Cloud**™ is easily distinguished from other species and cultivars by its combination of green foliage and large, rose-purple flowers.

LANDSCAPE APPLICATION: This cultivar is best used in full or reflected sun in the transition or dry zones of a xeriscape. Plants can be planted singly, grouped loosely or used as an informal hedge. *Leucophyllum frutescens* **Green Cloud**™ is ideal for use along highways or in large, open expanses. Its culture and appearance are compatible with other drought tolerant, desert adapted landscape plants. Some good combinations might include: *Dasyliirion acrotriche*, *Dasyliirion longissimum*, other *Leucophyllum* species, *Nolina matapensis*, *Nolina nelsoni*, *Yucca grandiflora*, and *Yucca schottii*. It also looks great in combination with summer-blooming plants such as *Caesalpinia pulcherrima*, *Tecoma stans*, and *Lantana* species.



PRECAUTIONS: As with other species and cultivars of the genus, *Leucophyllum frutescens* **Green Cloud**™ is susceptible to root rot in poorly drained soils. A young plant may be eaten by animals such as rabbits and deer. An older, more established plant or one that is grown hard (not watered and fertilized heavily) will be less likely to get eaten. As for pruning, the plant blooms on the current year's growth, so avoid pruning during the blooming season.

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Leucophyllum frutescens
Green Cloud™ used as an informal hedge in Tempe, Arizona.



Green Cloud™ used in a lush Xeriscape in the Phoenix area.



Close up of the flowers and foliage of **Green Cloud™**

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (HEIGHT x WIDTH)	6-8 feet x 6-8 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Rose-purple
FLOWER SEASON	Summer, fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun, reflected sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	10° F USDA 8
PRUNING	Once or twice in spring or early summer
HARDY IN THESE CITIES	Phoenix, Tucson, Palm Desert, San Diego, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, El Paso, Dallas, West Texas, Houston

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