



## LEUCOPHYLLUM PRUINOSUM SIERRA BOUQUET™

**OUTSTANDING FEATURES:** *Leucophyllum pruinosum* **Sierra Bouquet**™ has the most fragrant flowers of any of the Texas Rangers. When in bloom, the scent of grape bubble gum perfumes the garden. The soft silver foliage and contrasting blue-violet blossoms provide a unique backdrop for smaller shrubs with green foliage.

**DESCRIPTION:** *Leucophyllum pruinosum* **Sierra Bouquet**™ (Trademark name by Mountain States Wholesale Nursery) is a large semi-evergreen shrub with an open, irregular form. This clone grows to 6 feet tall and wide. The velvety silver leaves are spoon shaped and measure about 1/2 inch long by 1/2 inch wide. The fragrant, iridescent, blue-violet flowers appear as early as June, and continue to perfume the landscape periodically throughout the summer and early fall.

**CULTURE/MAINTENANCE:** **Sierra Bouquet**™ is hardy to 10° F, provided that plants are hardened off in the fall. This clone is very drought tolerant, surviving on only 12 inches of annual rainfall. However, it will grow faster and bloom more profusely if supplemental water is provided in the spring and summer. As with the other *Leucophyllum* species, this one grows best in a well-drained soil, and in full or reflected sun. Plants grown in light shade become quite floppy, with sparse foliage. Compared to other selected *Leucophyllum* clones, **Sierra Bouquet**™ has a somewhat open, irregular form. If a more dense form is desired, plants can be pruned in the spring. Avoid pruning in the summer and fall, as flower buds might be trimmed off!

**IDENTIFICATION:** *Leucophyllum pruinosum* **Sierra Bouquet**™ could only be confused with *Leucophyllum candidum*. However, these two species can be separated by their leaves, flowers, and growth habit. *L. pruinosum* has larger leaves that are not as densely hairy, flowers that are broader and more translucent, and its larger overall form is not as stiff.

**LANDSCAPE APPLICATION:** While single specimens of **Sierra Bouquet**™ make a nice addition to the garden, it is most spectacular when planted in masses. It is particularly effective when planted as a backdrop for green-leafed Texas Rangers, or other medium to small desert shrubs. Some good foreground plants include: *Leucophyllum laevigatum*, *Leucophyllum langmaniae* **Rio Bravo**™, *Chrysactinia mexicana*, *Eremophila* species **Valentine**™, *Calliandra californica*, *Muhlenbergia capillaris* **Regal Mist**™, *Poliomintha maderensis* **Lavender Spice**™, *Simmondsia chinensis* 'Vista', and *Zexmenia*



*hispidia* **Devil's River**™. It is a great choice for streetscape plantings or medians, since it thrives in reflected heat locations.

**PRECAUTIONS:** Take care not to overwater *Leucophyllum pruinosum* **Sierra Bouquet**™. Too much water may cause some root rot, especially if the soil does not have good drainage. As with other *Leucophyllum* species, rabbits may eat the

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smaller, more succulent stems. If the plant is grown hard (less water and fertilizer), there is less chance of rabbit damage.



Sierra Bouquet™ in a Phoenix landscape.



Close up of the flowers of Sierra Bouquet™.

### AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (HEIGHT x WIDTH)	6 feet x 6 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Blue-violet
FLOWER SEASON	Intermittently summer to fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun, reflected heat
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Moderately fast
HARDINESS	10° F USDA 8
PRUNING	Shear in late winter or early spring
HARDY IN THESE CITIES	Tucson, Phoenix, Palm Desert, Los Angeles, San Diego, Las Vegas, El Paso, San Antonio, Austin, Dallas

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