



EHRETIA RIGIDA PUZZLE BUSH

This interesting deciduous shrub is from South Africa. The arching branches twist and turn downwards giving an odd appearance, hence the name Puzzle Bush. The stiff leaves grow in dense clusters on the branch tips. Pale lilac to white, and rarely blue, flowers appears in late spring and early summer on separately sexed trees. Females produce small, round orange to red fruit that turn to black as they ripen. Fruit is edible but not palatable to humans, however birds find them very tasty.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (H X W)	6-12 Feet x 6-12 Feet
FLOWER COLOR	Pale lilac to white
FLOWER SEASON	Late spring into summer
EXPOSURE	Full to part sun
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Slow to Moderate
HARDINESS	20° F, USDA Zone 9
PRUNING	To thin or shape



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