

Vernonia 'Summer's Surrender' Summer's Surrender Ironweed

Vernonia 'Summer's Surrender' (Summer's Surrender Ironweed) is a 4-season native cultivar, selected for its short, flowing form and copious magenta-purple blooms. This plant's fine, olive-green foliage emerges in late spring and provides feathery texture until it blooms in late summer. Plants develop a bushy appearance by summer as they grow into a dense, linear mounding form that reaches 3-4' tall and 6-7' wide. From September to October, plants are blanketed in magenta-purple, fringed flowers that attract a variety of bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. It is notably resistant to powdery mildew and rust and is adaptable to dry soils, although it prefers moist, well-drained conditions. Plant in full sun. This plant is great in pollinator gardens, water edges, or border plantings, and provides attractive uniformity. Drought, heat, and deer resistant.

Botanical Name: Vernonia 'Summer's Surrender'

Common Name: Summer's Surrender Ironweed

Family: Asteraceae

Nativity: US Native

USDA Zone: 4 to 9

Light Type: Full sun

Soil Type: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Preferences: Moist, well-drained soil

Soil Moisture: Moist to Dry

Typical height (ft): 3-4'

Typical width (ft): 6-7'

Foliage: Fine foliage, dark green

Bloom Time: September, October

Bloom: Magenta-purple

Ecological features: Attracts butterflies, birds, bees, hummingbirds.

Tolerance of: Deer, drought; heat; resistant to powdery mildew and rust.

Additional notes: Good for use around lake edges, rain gardens, and other moist areas; excellent rust and mildew resistance; limited nursery availability

Companion plants: Flat-topped Aster (*Doellingeria umbellata*), Lobelias (*Lobelia* spp.), Turtleheads (*Chelone* spp.), Phlox (*Phlox* spp.)

For more information see:

<https://www.northcreeknurseries.com/plantName/Vernonia-Summers-Surrender>

https://www.chicagobotanic.org/sites/default/files/pdf/plantinfo/vernonia_fg2017.pdf

http://www.chicagolandgrows.org/perennials/summers_surrender.php#

<https://patents.google.com/patent/USPP28475P2/en>

Images of Vernonia 'Summer's Surrender'



Vernonia 'Summer's Surrender'-1.jpg

Plant form



Vernonia 'Summer's Surrender'-2.jpg
Flowers close-up



Vernonia 'Summer's Surrender'.jpg
Bushy upright habit

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