

Prickly comfrey

Symphytum asperum

Description

Cultivated for its medicinal properties as well as an ornamental.

Habit

Coarse, hairy, rhizomatous perennial that can reach a height of 3-4 feet tall.

Leaves

Ovate to elliptic, alternate, narrow stalked, 2-8 inches long, dark green in color, covered with prickly hairs.

Stems

Not winged, reaching a height of 3-4 feet.

Flowers

Tubular, 0.50 inch long, borne in scorpioid cymes, rose pink becoming blue or purple in color. Bloom from May to August.

Fruits and Seeds

4-parted schizocarp, oblique, ridged.

Habitat



Native from Russia to Iran. Can be found in gardens, roadsides and yards.

Reproduction

By seed or vegetatively by root cuttings or division.

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Monitoring and Rapid Response

Can be difficult to remove by digging due to root fragments having the ability to sprout new plants.

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