

Mirabilis laevis var. *villosa*

Wishbone Bush



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PERENNIAL Subshrub

Many-branched, in clumps or sprawling, height < 3'

The Wishbone Bush name probably comes from the forking branching pattern. The leaves are ovate, fleshy to succulent and glandular.

Flowers are usually white to light purple, bell-shaped, open in evening. Can flower year-round.

Native Habitat: Dry, rocky, desert areas, California, Arizona, Utah and Baja. Elevation < 7000'

Full sun

Well drained poor soil

Tolerates very low water, but also 1x/month in summer.

Frost tolerant.

May be drought deciduous.

