Butterfly Bush

*Clerodendrum myricoides 'Ugandense'*

Common Name: Butterfly Bush, Blue Glory Bower

Zone: 9 to 11

Plant Type: Broadleaf evergreen

Family: Verbenaceae

Native Range: Tropical Africa

Height: 2 to 4 feet

Spread: 2 to 3 feet

Bloom Time: Seasonal bloomer

Bloom Color: Light blue/violet (bicolor)

Sun: Full sun to part shade

Water: Medium

Culture

Native to tropical Africa, blue glory bower is a sprawling evergreen shrub with a weak upright habit. It grows to 6-10’ tall in its native habitat. From spring through fall the delicate and intricate flowers appear, suggestive of a butterfly in flight. It is therefore known as the butterfly bush, although it has no relation to buddleia. Black, fleshy fruit follows the spring blooms. Plant in part to full (coastal) sun and irrigate regularly. Hardy to about 20-25 degrees F. Can be pruned back continually to keep the plant more compact. This species from East Africa (originally described from Kenya and not Uganda) will take rather cooler conditions than most tropical *clerodendrums*. No serious insect or disease problems. Watch for aphids and whitefly.