

Chilopsis linearis 'bubba' (Desert Willow)

Native to west Texas and the Edwards Plateau. 'Bubba' has dark green leaves and a large purple bloom. It also is more upright than standard Desert Willows. It is planted as an accent tree and remains a small ornamental. Can attain 20 feet tall x 20 feet wide. Culture: prefers well-drained soils of medium to coarse texture, full sun exposure. Withstands high heat and reflected sunlight off building glass and water features. Relatively low water requirement, but do not plant where water accumulates. Flowers in summer and fall. Deciduous. Hardy to zone 7

Desert willow (*Chilopsis linearis*): The deciduous native of West Texas and the Southwest is related to catalpas and trumpet creepers. The showy clusters of trumpet-shaped flowers can be white, lavender or burgundy and occur throughout the summer on new growth. Though the narrow foliage is like willows, it is not related to willows at all. Desert willow generally grows around 10 to 15 feet in height. 'Bubba' is an improved selection with darker green leaves and an upright habit that was introduced by Paul Cox at the San Antonio Botanic Garden. All desert willows prefer full sun and excellent drainage and are extremely drought-tolerant.

