Sweet Almond Bush
*Aloysia virgata*

Right: Tree form in bloom. Branches slightly arching.

Below: Close up of the flower spikes.
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Family: Verbenaceae

**Culture & Landscape Value:**
Tolerant of occasional drought, but will flower less.  
Fast growing, can be pruned back to any size.  
Semi-evergreen.  
Flowers are extremely fragrant, and smell similar to almonds.

**Notes:**
If grown as a houseplant it can be brought indoors before first frost to keep foliage through the winter, or after first frost to keep it dormant through the winter.

**Stem & Leaf Type:** small tree or shrub  
**Size:** 5-15’ tall and 3-8’ wide  
**USDA Hardiness Zones:** 8-11  
**Leaves:** opposite or whorled, simple  
**Leaf Color:** medium-green  
**Fall Color:** none  
**Flowers:** spicate, spikes axillary or panicled  
**Fruit:** nutlets  
**Light:** full sun  
**Moisture:** dry to medium, well drained  
**Insect/Disease Issues:** aphid, spider mites  
**Nativity:** South America  
**Location in the Gardens:**  
Butterfly Wing

**Months of Interest:**

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