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Right: Tree form in bloom. Branches slightly arching.

Below: Close up of the flower spikes.



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Family: Verbenaceae

**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 paniced  
**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

**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.



### Months of Interest:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec