

Atriplex - Growing Guide

Growing Atriplex Halimus – Tree Purslane

This is another of those plants which grows well in exposed coastal gardens where it is sometimes used as a hedge. It grows well in situations where bupleurum thrives.

A. halimus is a medium sized semi-evergreen shrub growing to about 6ft in height with a similar spread. It has ovate or diamond shaped leathery silver-grey leaves which makes its foliage stand out in the garden.

The flowers are fairly insignificant in late summer and are greenish-white in terminal panicles 12 inches or so long.

Atriplex halimus grows best in dry, poor soil in full sun with, perhaps, some shelter from the coldest east winds. Our garden design team, when faced with a new garden above cliffs or on the seaside, often use this plant as an inner low growing windbreak behind taller growing sacrifice plants (eg tamarix, genista) to further break up strong winds from the main garden in the lee.



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