



# Duranta Gold

## Description

**Scientific Name**  
*Duranta erecta*

**Family**  
Verbenaceae (Teak)

**Native Range**  
Central America,  
Cuba, Turks and  
Caicos, The Bahamas

**Height at Maturity**  
3-6m

**Time to Maturity**  
3-4 years

**Flowering Period**  
April - June

**Light Preference**  
Full sun - Partial  
shade

**Soil Preference**  
Rich, organic, loamy  
and well-drained

**Location Preference**  
Adaptable to most  
areas



**Plant Type**  
Shrub

**Foliage**  
Evergreen



**Flower Colour**  
Violet



**Fruit**  
Green when  
young, orange  
when mature.  
**Not edible.**



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## Care Tips

### **Water (Frequency):**

Water plant once per day. During the dry season, it is recommended that the plant is watered in the morning.

### **Pruning (Frequency):**

Prune to remove damaged, dead or diseased branches from the base of the shrub. If grown as a hedge, prune to maintain a desirable shape and size.

### **Common Pests and Treatments:**

In case of an attack by whiteflies:

- Cut off damaged leaves to prevent infestation of the plant.

### Infestation

- Treat with Actara or Engeo (insecticides).  
*Be guided by manufacturers' directions for use.*
  - **DIY:** Spray with a mixture of 1 tablespoon vinegar, 1 tablespoon cooking oil, 1 tablespoon baking soda, 1 tablespoon dishwashing liquid and a piece of scotch bonnet pepper in 1 gallon of water.
- Spray the plant with the solution every 3 days for 11 days.

- Reapply mixture over the same timeline if the pests remain or return after treatment.

## Uses

- Usually planted in pots and along fences for hedging.



- Blossoms attract pollinators including bees, butterflies and hummibirds.

