

Aloysia

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Alojz (Aloysia citrodora Paláu, sin: A. triphylla), also known as Lemon Verbena is a shrub originating from many years of Argentina, Paraguay, Brazil, Uruguay, Chile and Peru. The plant was transferred into Europe by the Spaniards during the 17th century. It grows to a height of 1 to 3 meters and has a strong lemon flavor. The plant is svetlolyubivo and needs a lot of water, growing on clay soil and is sensitive to low temperatures. Its pale leaves are oval and slightly tapered at the end. Blooms in August or September with small pale purple or white flowers. Listata of Alojz used to impart lemon flavor fish and poultry dishes, vegetable marinades, salad sauces, jams, puddings and drinks. From the plant can prepare tea or refreshing sorbet.

Many know that bush under its old name Lippia citrodora, which binds the splendid aroma of lemon emitted by its leaves and flowers. Its colors are nondescript, Pale purple, arranged in axillary (top) classes or panicle.

Fresh - the green leaves are dotted along the lower side with glandular dots and escapes grinding fresh lemon flavor. Dried leaves are known by the name Herba verbenae odoratae, mainly in France as Verbenaceae tea. Furthermore, it is used in perfumery and cosmetics industry.

Alojz is fragile, many years of bush. Mean height, which reaches a 1.20 meters, except in warm countries such as Chile, where up to 3 meters. Alojz leaves are oval and pointed at the end. Arranged in pairs along the stem. Blooms are small and grow a thick, elongated flowers. Have a nice, slightly sour flavor. Bloom in white or mauve flowers obiklovenno during the warm months - from summer to late autumn.

Flowering period: July to September.

Origin: South America. Mestorastene: bright and sunny.

Substrate: Optimal finger or TKS 2 with a little clay.

Irrigation, fertilization: In the period of growth (until August) is watered thoroughly and natryava in two weeks.

Other care: None.

Hibernation: A bright or dark at 2-10 ° C. Since changing leaves, old leaves should be removed regularly. Be watered frequently. In March podryazva half old tuft is released and planted in the new substrate.

Pests, Diseases: Rare.

Propagation: By cuttings, which root in 2-4 weeks. Pristipva repeatedly in order to develop buhlato.