



## Veronica Lake Hebe

*Hebe 'Veronica Lake'*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Lake Hebe, Shrubby Veronica

### Description:

A lovely, rounded evergreen shrub with deep green glossy leaves, presenting violet flowers that bloom profusely in late spring and summer; will tolerate mild frost and coastal conditions; a good hedge, or border plant

### Ornamental Features

Veronica Lake Hebe has masses of beautiful clusters of violet star-shaped flowers with fuchsia overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. The dark red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

### Landscape Attributes

Veronica Lake Hebe is an open multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Veronica Lake Hebe is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Veronica Lake Hebe flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

### **Planting & Growing**

Veronica Lake Hebe will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Veronica Lake Hebe makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.