

# Lemon verbena

*Aloysia triphylla* Also known as: **Lemon plant, Verbena oil plant, Lemon scented verbena, Sweet scented verbena, Lippia citriodora, Aloysia citriodora**

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This description is for **Lemon verbena** (*Aloysia triphylla*):

**Lemon verbena, makes a great ingredient to add to cocktails and provides you with three metre tall foliage to hide behind when drinking.**

*Aloysia triphylla* or lemon verbena grows up to three metres in height. It gets the name lemon verbena due to the fact that the leaves give off a lemon scent when crushed. The leaves are long with a pointed tip, growing to around 8cm in length. They are a bright green colour and have a slightly rough texture. The pretty small flowers grow in sprays and are a pale purple or white colour, growing on purple stems. This plant is native to Argentina and Bolivia. It was introduced to Europe in the 17th Century by the Spanish and Portugese. These leaves are great for cooking with, adding a lemon flavour to many dishes; it's especially great with fish.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> no	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Exotic, house plants & other House plants
<b>Height [m]</b> 3	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z8-11	<b>Grown for</b> Ornamental Foliage
<b>Spread [m]</b> 3	<b>Heat zone</b> H12-8	<b>Creative category</b> Kid Approved Fine fragrant For Beginners For birds & bees Author's choice
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Violet	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -12 - 4	<b>Garden type</b> Indoor or winter garden Cottage garden Containers City Mediterranean garden
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> Yes, let it smell	<b>Heat days</b> 90 - 210	<b>Garden spaces</b> Flower beds Walls, trellises and pergolas Borders
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Late summer	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Green	<b>Soil type</b> sandy chalky loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> up to 10 years
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun	
<b>Awards?</b> Yes, let it smell	<b>Exposure</b> Sheltered	
<b>Propagation methods</b> softwood cuttings		
<b>Growth habit</b> Clump-forming Erect		