



Cumberland rosemary



Plant Botanical Name:

Conradina verticillata

USBG Plant Location:

Not in Bloom

Conservatory Room Location:

Rare and Endangered Species

Sunlight:

Full sun to slight shade.

Plant Soil Type:

Well drained deep sandy soil with little organic matter

Plant Moisture Requirements:

Low water requirements

Plant Threat Level:

Threatened

Conradina verticillata closely resembles culinary rosemary, but it is a species native to the southeastern United States and is increasingly threatened in the wild. Also known as Cumberland false rosemary, its few remaining populations in South Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee are found in well-drained sand along stream banks and sandbars. Unfortunately, these are being trampled by hikers and nature lovers. Additional threats include development, mining and illegal collecting. Although federally listed, it is relatively easy to cultivate and a wonderful native plant for southern rock gardens, along with its natural companions, *Chionathus*, *Itea*, *Marshallia grandiflora*, *Ropogon gerardii* and *Aster linarifolius*.
