

***Garberia heterophylla* (Bartr.) Merr. & F. Harper**

Common Name	Garberia
Botanical Name	<i>Garberia heterophylla</i>
Family	Asteraceae
Form	Shrub
Growth Habit	Garberia is an evergreen perennial shrub that usually grows from 1 ½'-3' tall and about as wide, but under ideal conditions can reach 6' tall.
Bark	This shrub has branching, woody stems.
Leaves	The aromatic, silvery green leaves, which appear alternately on stems, are about 2" long and covered with glands that make them feel sticky to the touch. They have a rounded shape and are concave with wavy edges.
Flowers	The flowers, which give the shrub a showy appearance when in full bloom, are rosy or purplish white in color and lack ray florets, having only 3-5 disk florets per head. They are found in clusters at branch tips during the fall, although they may bloom occasionally throughout the rest of the year.
Fruit	Dry, one-seeded fruits typical of individuals in the Asteraceae family.
Soil conditions	Found in areas of very well-drained, sandy soils.
Water	Drought-tolerant once established.
Light Requirement	Full or nearly full sun
Native Growth Zone	8-9
Propagation	Seed
Habitat	Restricted to pine scrub and oak scrub habitat.
Remarks	Garberia is listed as threatened in the State of Florida, not because it is locally rare, but because very little scrub habitat remains in the state. It is a species endemic to scrub. It is highly attractive to butterflies and is also relatively salt tolerant.

Works Consulted