



**Botanical Name:** *Bartlettina sordida*  
syn *Eupatorium megalophyllum*

**Common Name:** Mist Flower

**Family:** Asteraceae

**Origin:** High elevation areas of Mexico

**Height/Width:** up to 2m x 1.2m

**Habit:** Upright evergreen soft wooded shrub with reddish-purple branches

**Flower:** The flower stalk rises above the foliage and has masses of scented flowers ranging from mauve to lilac to magenta-blue in colour in a terminal corymbose panicle 20-30 cm across. They look like a giant ageratum. Thread like stamens on each flower give the flowers a fuzzy appearance.

**Seeds:** The seed has a fluffy pappus and is dispersed by wind.

**Leaves:** Slightly rough, large velvety green leaves with prominent venation and paler undersides up to 25cm x 20cm. **Climate:** .Best in 4-29°C with cool nights, won't thrive where nights are hot.

**Soil:** Rich, well-draining soil kept evenly moist.

**Aspect:** Filtered sunlight or bright shade with protection from afternoon sun. It is shade tolerant.

**Prune:** Prune hard after flowering

**Drought/Frost:** Mild frost tolerance

**Propagation:** via seed or semi hardwood cuttings taken in autumn and winter or prunings in late spring.

**Note:**

1. Butterfly attracting.
2. It has been declared a weed in New Zealand by not yet in Australia.

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