

Rue

Ruta graveolens

HIGHLY TOXIC, MAY BE FATAL IF EATEN! Grown as a host plant for Black Swallowtail, Anise Swallowtail and Giant Swallowtail butterfly caterpillars. Contact with the skin will cause short-term irritation. Ingestion can cause stomach pain, vomiting, exhaustion, confusion, and convulsions and can be fatal.

Type: butterfly host; poisonous plant

USDA hardiness zones: 4 through 10

Uses: border; hedge; container or above-ground planter; butterfly garden

Origin: not native to Florida

Height: 2 to 3 feet **Spread:** 2 to 3 feet

Plant spacing: 2 to 3 feet

Light requirement: full sun to part shade

Soil tolerances: acid to alkaline; clay; sand; loam

Drought tolerance: good

Soil salt tolerances: low

Invasive potential: low

Pest resistance: no serious pests or diseases

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