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Lippia alba* var. *globiflora

Genus: *Lippia*

Specific Epithet: *alba*

Variety: *globiflora*

Common Name: Oaxaca lemon verbena

Family: Verbenaceae

Flower Color: lavender

Form: shrub

Hardiness Zone: 9-11

Height: 2' in container

Soil: well-drained soil

Sun: full sun

Uses: culinary (but not GRAS)*, ornamental

Parts Used: leaves



“*Lippia alba* var. *globiflora* is a member of the Verbenaceae family, which often have aromatic leaves. I received a rooted cutting of this plant in the spring of 2003 from Glenn Walker in California. Walker had acquired it from botanist Jim Bauml who collected it in Oaxaca, Mexico. Our specimen is grown in a 24" container in full sun during the summer. It is fast growing, with a mounding habit and rounded lavender blossoms. The leaves have the roughness of *Lantana montevidensis* but in shape are more like those of lemon verbena (*Aloysia triphylla*). They are extremely fragrant and used in teas, hence the name Oaxaca lemon verbena. Hardiness for Zone 8b is not yet known. It will be planted in the ground this season and cuttings will be taken for protection. *Lippia graveolens* is not hardy in Zone 8b, so *L. alba* var. *globiflora* is unlikely to be hardy.”

– Madalene Hill, Promising Plants Presentation, 2004

* GRAS = Generally Recognized as Safe

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