



2013 Promising Plant

Rosmarinus officinalis

'Baby P.J.'

Promising Qualities

- ❖ Excellent pot plant
- ❖ Smallest rosemary cultivar

FAMILY

Lamiaceae

GENUS

Rosmarinus

SPECIFIC EPITHET

officinalis

CULTIVAR

'Baby P.J.'

SYNONYM

Rosmarinus officinalis var.
prostratus

COMMON NAME

Rosemary

LEAVES

Very small, narrow, tightly
arranged along branches

FLOWER COLOR

Brilliant blue

BLOOM PERIOD

Late spring to early summer

PLANT TYPE

Tender perennial

PROPAGATION

Cuttings or layering

USES

Food additive, culinary, honey
production, essential oils,
medicines (folklore)

HEIGHT/WIDTH

8 inches

LIGHT

Full sun

SOIL

Well-drained, sandy or gravelly

WATER

Moist, but not wet

HABIT

Trailing, semi-erect shrub

HARDINESS

Zones 8a-10b

Rosemarys are native to the hilly slopes overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, have naturalized in the Azores, and are widely cultivated. As its use has spread around the world rosemary has given rise to many cultivars. All are shrubby and multi-branched, with pine-needle-like leaves, dark green above, silvery underneath. They have a refreshing, resinous scent and flavor.

Rosmarinus officinalis 'Baby P.J.' is from H & H Botanicals in Michigan, a chance seedling of 'Blue Boy', but about 1/3 smaller (Mulberry Creek). It is a trailing, semi-erect shrub, growing to about 8" tall. It has a piney scent, very small, but brilliant blue flowers. It is an excellent pot plant, but, like other rosemarys, is especially sensitive to overwatering. It may also quickly become root bound and should be repotted during periods of rapid growth. Judicious pruning will shape and maintain air flow through the plant. Mulch with pea gravel or sand to reflect light up into the plant.

Reference:

Mulberry Creek Herb Farm

www.mulberrycreek.com

Where can I find this plant?

Mulberry Creek Herb Farm

www.mulberrycreek.com

The Herbs Society of America

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