## Sweet Almond



This fragrant bush will attract many butterflies and bees to its many clusters of white flowers. A favorite among butterfly gardeners.

## Aloysia virgata

- <u>Use:</u> In our zone, tree verbena dies to the ground in winter and behaves as an 8' tall perennial, but in more southerly climates it makes a large open shrub to 15'. The upright woody stems are clothed with dark green sandpapery leaves. Starting in June and continuing until a hard frost, the branches end in terminal spikes of extremely fragrant white flowers that attract butterflies, other cool insects, and gawkers alike. The intoxicating fragrance of vanilla almond is strongest in late afternoon and evening.
- <u>Exposure/Soil</u>: Best grown in moist, light, well-drained fertile loams in full sun.
- <u>Growth</u>: Grows 5-15' tall and 3-8' wide.
- Hardiness: Zone 8-10; Perennial. Grows well indoors and out.
- Foliage: Deciduous. Beloved for leaves that repel water droplets.
- <u>Flower:</u> Grown for its intensely fragrant flowers. They bloom on new growth so pruning frequently will not only keep its size in check but increase blooms.