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## Promising Plants Profiles

### ***Rosmarinus officinalis* 'Shady Acres'**

**Common Name:** Rosemary Shady Acres

**Family:** Lamiaceae

**Genus:** *Rosmarinus*

**Specific Epithet:** *officinalis*

**Cultivar:** 'Shady Acres'

**Life cycle:** tender perennial

**Zone:** 7-10

**Flower color:** deep blue

**Bloom time:** seldom flowers

**Growth:** 4-6 ft.

**Habit/Form:** upright, bushy

**Light requirements:** full sun

**Propagation:** cuttings, layering, seeds-- germination can be slow and difficult

**Uses:** culinary, medicinal, ornamental

**Other details:** heavy fragrance



Photo courtesy of Theresa Mieseler

**Description:** 'Shady Acres' was introduced in 1999 by Theresa Mieseler of Shady Acres Herb Farm. This rosemary rarely flowers and has dark green leaves that grow up to one inch long and stay close to the stem. This cultivar can be a fast grower and has good flavor for culinary use.

**Cultivation:** Pinch back to encourage branching and keep well pruned. Water regularly but sparingly. Do not mist the plant.

*"Rosmarinus officinalis 'Shady Acres' was introduced by Theresa Mieseler from her farm in Minnesota. Art Tucker ran an analysis of the essential oil and found it favorable with high alpha-pinene and 1,8-cineole but low camphor. It has a very high content of verbenone which doesn't normally show up in rosemary, giving it an extremely good culinary profile because of so little camphor." -Gloria McClure, Promising Plants presentation, 2008*

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