James Sterling Kohuhu

Pittosporum tenuifolium 'James Sterling'



James Sterling Kohuhu foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Other Names: Tawhiwhi

Description:

A smaller variety that is fast growing and can be pruned into a dense screen of soft olive-green glossy foliage; subtle purple flower clusters in spring; perfect for a low hedge, or a geometrical accent in the garden

Ornamental Features

James Sterling Kohuhu has attractive olive green evergreen foliage on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain olive green throughout the winter. It features subtle clusters of fragrant deep purple flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer.

Landscape Attributes

James Sterling Kohuhu is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

James Sterling Kohuhu is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

James Sterling Kohuhu will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.