Variegated Chinese Mock Orange

Pittosporum heterophyllum 'Variegatum'



Variegated Chinese Mock Orange foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Chinese Pittosporum

Description:

A beautiful variegated variety that may eventually reach ten feet high without pruning; emerging foliage is yellow gold, maturing to dark green with white variegation; perfect for a hedge or screen

Ornamental Features

Variegated Chinese Mock Orange has attractive white-variegated dark green foliage which emerges chartreuse in spring on a plant with an oval habit of growth. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated Chinese Mock Orange is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a shapely oval form. 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.

Variegated Chinese Mock Orange is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Variegated Chinese Mock Orange will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 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.