Geraldton Waxflower

Chamelaucium uncinatum

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Description:

An outstanding flowering shrub with fine needle-like foliage and an open habit; clusters of interesting pink and white blooms in winter and spring are great for cutting; a perfect accent plant for gardens, borders, or containers



Geraldton Waxflower flowers
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Ornamental Features

Geraldton Waxflower features showy clusters of pink cup-shaped flowers with white overtones at the ends of the branches from late winter to early spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive green evergreen foliage. The needles are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.



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Landscape Attributes

Geraldton Waxflower is an open 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 should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Geraldton Waxflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Geraldton Waxflower will grow to be about 6 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any 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 species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings.

Geraldton Waxflower makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.



Geraldton Waxflower foliage
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