Pearl Bluebush

Maireana sedifolia

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Description:

Usually about 3 feet tall, but occasionally sends stems to 5 feet; striking silvery-white succulent foliage creates great contrast with other plants; small, pale pink and tan flowers are barely noticable; great for containers and cut flower arrangements

Ornamental Features

Pearl Bluebush has attractive silver evergreen foliage which emerges white in spring on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The tiny succulent narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain silver throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Pearl Bluebush is a 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.

Pearl Bluebush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Pearl Bluebush foliage
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Planting & Growing

Pearl Bluebush will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings.

Pearl Bluebush 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.



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