Raspberry Ice Bougainvillea

Bougainvillea 'Raspberry Ice'



Raspberry Ice Bougainvillea flowers
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Description:

A low, mounded spreading form, presenting masses of raspberry-pink blooms, over exciting variegated foliage; excellent as a colorful shrub or groundcover; great for patio containers and hanging baskets; best color in full sun

Ornamental Features

Raspberry Ice Bougainvillea is clothed in stunning fuchsia round flowers held atop the branches from late spring to mid fall. It has attractive dark green foliage edged in creamy white with hints of grayish green which emerges buttery yellow in spring. The glossy pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.



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Landscape Attributes

Raspberry Ice Bougainvillea is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Raspberry Ice Bougainvillea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



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Planting & Growing

Raspberry Ice Bougainvillea will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. 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 a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Raspberry Ice Bougainvillea makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its height, it is often used 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.