Daisy Bush

Brachyglottis greyi



Daisy Bush
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Height: 5 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Other Names: syn. Senecio greyi

Description:

An interesting and beautiful evergreen, producing fuzzy, dark green oval foliage with white undersides; panicles of abundant yellow daisy flowers in summer, followed by showy seed clusters in fall; excellent for coastal as well as inland landscape use



Daisy Bush foliage
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Ornamental Features

Daisy Bush is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. The white fruits are carried on showy plumes displayed in abundance from early to mid fall. It has attractive green foliage with white undersides and tinges of silver. The small fuzzy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter. It features showy panicles of yellow daisy flowers with gold eyes held atop the branches from early summer to mid fall. The gray bark and white branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Daisy Bush is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Daisy Bush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Daisy Bush will grow to be about 5 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 slow 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 xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America..

Daisy Bush makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. 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.