Compact Diosma

Coleonema pulchellum 'Compacta'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: Compact Form Coleonema, Confetti Bush, Pink Breath



Compact Diosma flowers
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Description:

A pretty display of dainty flowers covers this compact, bushy shrub from mid-spring to early-fall, adding great interest to sunny borders; once established it is quite drought tolerant, wind resistant, and can withstand mild frost



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Ornamental Features

Compact Diosma features dainty clusters of fragrant shell pink star-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from mid spring to mid fall. It has green evergreen foliage. The small fragrant needles remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Compact Diosma is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

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 is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Compact Diosma is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Compact Diosma will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Compact Diosma makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. 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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