Wrinkled Blue Pittosporum

Pittosporum tenuifolium 'Wrinkled Blue'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Other Names: Kohuhu

Description:

A bushy, vigorous but tidy evergreen shrub, featuring small, wavy edged, silver-blue foliage, rising on thin black stems; grown primarily for attractive foliage; perfect as a hedge, or accent in the landscape

Ornamental Features

Wrinkled Blue Pittosporum has attractive grayish green foliage with hints of silvery blue on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter. The black branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Wrinkled Blue Pittosporum is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading 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 can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Wrinkled Blue Pittosporum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Wrinkled Blue Pittosporum
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Wrinkled Blue Pittosporum foliage
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Planting & Growing

Wrinkled Blue Pittosporum will grow to be about 12 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. 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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.