Irene Patterson Kohuhu

Pittosporum tenuifolium 'Irene Patterson'



Irene Patterson Kohuhu foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7b

Other Names: Irene Paterson

Description:

A dwarf variety that stays very compact and round with little pruning; interesting foliage emerges white and matures to green with white spots; winter foliage is tinged pink; perfect for a low hedge, or a geometrical accent in the garden

Ornamental Features

Irene Patterson Kohuhu has attractive white-variegated green foliage which emerges white in spring on a plant with a round habit of growth. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.



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Landscape Attributes

Irene Patterson Kohuhu is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. 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.

Irene Patterson Kohuhu is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Irene Patterson Kohuhu will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium 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. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.