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Shiny Xylosma



Shiny Xylosma *Xylosma congestum*

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Other Names: *Xylosma congesta*, syn. *Xylosma japonica*

Description:

This spreading, evergreen shrub will grow quite large but can be contained by pruning; grown primarily for its beautiful shiny green foliage that is evergreen in near-frost-free climates, roots are hardier; will host giant white fly

Ornamental Features

Shiny Xylosma's attractive glossy pointy leaves emerge coppery-bronze in spring, turning dark green in colour the rest of the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. It features subtle clusters of chartreuse pincushion flowers along the branches in mid fall.

Landscape Attributes

Shiny Xylosma is a multi-stemmed evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Shiny Xylosma is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Topiary
- Container Planting



Shiny Xylosma foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Shiny Xylosma bark
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Planting & Growing

Shiny Xylosma will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground. Although it is technically a woody plant, this plant can be expected to behave as a perennial in our climate if planted outdoors over the winter, usually regrowing from its base (crown) the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.

Shiny Xylosma is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.