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Lo & Behold Blue Chip Jr. Butterfly Bush

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Lo & Behold® Blue Chip Jr. Butterfly Bush

Buddleia 'Blue Chip Jr.'

Height: 20 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Other Names: Summer Lilac

Group/Class: Lo & Behold Series

Description:

A valuable compact garden plant with showy spikes of deep blue flowers in late summer when little else blooms; attracts butterflies; may be cut back to the ground each spring as it regrows vigorously, and blooms on new wood; great for smaller spaces

Ornamental Features

Lo & Behold Blue Chip Jr. Butterfly Bush features showy panicles of fragrant royal blue flowers with lavender overtones at the ends of the branches from early summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its tomentose narrow leaves remain grayish green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Lo & Behold Blue Chip Jr. Butterfly Bush is a multi-stemmed perennial with a mounded form. 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Lo & Behold Blue Chip Jr. Butterfly Bush is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Lo & Behold Blue Chip Jr. Butterfly
Bush flowers*
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Lo & Behold Blue Chip Jr. Butterfly Bush in bloom
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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Lo & Behold Blue Chip Jr. Butterfly Bush will grow to be about 20 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it is technically a woody plant, this fast-growing 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Lo & Behold Blue Chip Jr. Butterfly Bush is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. 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.