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Tokyo Serissa



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Serissa japonica 'Tokyo'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Other Names: Snowrose, Snowbush, syn. *Serissa foetida*

Description:

Very tiny, dark green foliage with cream edges covers this rounded, fine textured variety; pretty white trumpet flowers appear from spring to fall; used extensively in bonsai or as a house plant; a lovely garden accent for a small area

Ornamental Features

Tokyo Serissa features showy white trumpet-shaped flowers along the branches from early spring to mid fall. Its attractive tiny glossy oval leaves remain dark green in colour with distinctive creamy white edges and tinges of chartreuse throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Tokyo Serissa is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen perennial with a more or less rounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Tokyo Serissa is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Tokyo Serissa flowers
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Planting & Growing

Tokyo Serissa will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. Although it is technically a woody plant, this slow-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 does best in full sun to partial shade. You may want to keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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 type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Tokyo Serissa is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants 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.