

Bluescape Myrtle Leaf Distylium



Bluescape™ Myrtle Leaf Distylium *Distylium myricoides* 'RLH-DM1ER'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Evergreen Witch Hazel, Witchhazel

Description:

This small evergreen shrub has a low mounding habit with lateral branches clothed in medium to small gray-blue leaves; red flowers along the branches in winter followed by bronze new growth; excellent for massing along borders

Ornamental Features

Bluescape Myrtle Leaf Distylium is clothed in stunning burgundy spider-like flowers along the branches from late winter to early spring, which emerge from distinctive creamy white flower buds. It has attractive bluish-green foliage with hints of silvery blue which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Bluescape Myrtle Leaf Distylium is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Bluescape Myrtle Leaf Distylium is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use



Bluescape Myrtle Leaf Distylium
foliage
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Planting & Growing

Bluescape Myrtle Leaf Distylium will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 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. 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

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