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Bushy Lippia



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Lippia alba

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: Bushy Matgrass, syn. *Lantana alba*, *Lippia geminata*

Description:

An ornamental shrub cultivated for its aromatic foliage and beautiful flowers; graceful, arching branches bear attractive, pointed and toothed leaves and clusters of white to violet flowers at the leaf axils; grows in full sun but prefers partial shade

Ornamental Features

Bushy Lippia features showy clusters of fragrant white flowers with pink overtones, buttery yellow eyes and lavender edges along the branches from late spring to mid fall. Its attractive fragrant pointy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Bushy Lippia is an open multi-stemmed perennial with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. 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 should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. 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.

Bushy Lippia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting



Bushy Lippia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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Planting & Growing

Bushy Lippia will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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. This species is native to parts of North America..

Bushy Lippia 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.

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