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Silverbush



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Convolvulus cneorum

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Bush Morning Glory, Shrubby Bindweed

Description:

A dense, mounding, evergreen shrub noted for attractive silver-green leaves and funnel shaped white flowers in late spring through summer; tolerates drought once established; a great addition to patio containers, rock gardens, beds and borders

Ornamental Features

Silverbush features showy lightly-scented white trumpet-shaped flowers with yellow throats at the ends of the branches from late spring to late summer, which emerge from distinctive pink flower buds. Its attractive small tomentose narrow leaves remain grayish green in color with hints of silver throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Silverbush is a dense multi-stemmed annual 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 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.

Silverbush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



Silverbush flowers

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Planting & Growing

Silverbush will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement 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. To help this plant achieve its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. 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 species is not originally from North America.

Silverbush is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. 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. 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.