



Tres Amigos® Abelia
Abelia x grandiflora 'Mincautri'

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 6

Description:

This compact shrub features yellow tinged new foliage that matures to green with pink edges and rosy-red new growth; tidy, mounded habit and tubular white flowers in summer, make this shrub a welcome addition to smaller spaces

Ornamental Features

Tres Amigos Abelia features dainty clusters of lightly-scented white tubular flowers at the ends of the branches from early summer to mid fall, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds. It has attractive green foliage edged in pink with hints of rose which emerges chartreuse in spring. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding rose in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Tres Amigos Abelia is a 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 shrub 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.

Tres Amigos Abelia is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Tres Amigos Abelia flowers
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Tres Amigos Abelia foliage
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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Tres Amigos Abelia will grow to be about 30 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 approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in partial shade. 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. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Tres Amigos Abelia makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.