



Swing Low® Evergreen Distylium *Distylium 'PIIDIST-VI'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Evergreen Witch Hazel, Witchhazel

Description:

A low growing, prostrate selection with light green new foliage that matures to a matte-finish blue-green; in late winter to early spring, red flowers emerge along the older branches; very elegant when massed together or as an accent shrub

Ornamental Features

Swing Low Evergreen Distylium has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring on a plant with a horizontally-tiered habit of growth. The oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. It is clothed in stunning panicles of red spider-like flowers along the branches from late winter to early spring.

Landscape Attributes

Swing Low Evergreen Distylium is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a stunning habit of growth which features almost oriental horizontally-tiered branches. 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Swing Low Evergreen Distylium is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Swing Low Evergreen Distylium
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Swing Low Evergreen Distylium
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Swing Low Evergreen Distylium will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.