Belle Etoile Mockorange

Philadelphus x lemoinei 'Belle Etoile'



Belle Etoile Mockorange flowers
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A large, rounded shrub prized for its sweetly scented large white blooms with purple centers in early summer; awesome in bloom, recedes somewhat the rest of the year, best used in conjunction with other plants; very adaptable and easy to grow

Ornamental Features

Belle Etoile Mockorange is blanketed in stunning clusters of fragrant white flowers with yellow eyes and burgundy centers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It has green deciduous foliage. The serrated oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Belle Etoile Mockorange is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Belle Etoile Mockorange in bloom
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Belle Etoile Mockorange is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Belle Etoile Mockorange will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.