McKeanii Hebe

Hebe 'McKeanii'



McKeanii Hebe
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Height: 18 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Shrubby Veronica

Description:

A lovely evergreen upright shrub with rounded, bright green glossy leaves; white flowers are impressive in mid to late summer; will tolerate some mild frost, but should be sheltered



McKeanii Hebe foliage
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Ornamental Features

McKeanii Hebe has masses of beautiful white tubular flowers at the ends of the branches in mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. It has attractive green evergreen foliage which emerges chartreuse in spring. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

McKeanii Hebe is a multi-stemmed evergreen 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 is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

McKeanii Hebe is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

McKeanii Hebe will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

McKeanii Hebe makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the larger thriller plants stand out. 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.