James Stirling Hebe

Hebe ochracea 'James Stirling'



James Stirling Hebe foliage
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Height: 15 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Shrubby Veronica

Description:

A unique evergreen upright shrub with golden-brown foliage that closely clasps the stem; white flowers in late spring and summer; will tolerate some mild frost, and should be sheltered

Ornamental Features

James Stirling Hebe has masses of beautiful corymbs of white tubular flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. It has attractive gold evergreen foliage. The glossy scale-like sprays of foliage are highly ornamental and remain gold throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

James Stirling 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.

James Stirling Hebe is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

James Stirling Hebe will grow to be about 15 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

James Stirling 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.