Schmidt Alpine Currant

Ribes alpinum 'Schmidt'



Schmidt Alpine Currant
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2

Description:

A superb low to medium-sized hedge or screening plant with dense branching and foliage right to the ground, takes pruning extremely well, tough and adaptable; small yellow flowers in spring, good fall color; more disease-resistant than the species

Ornamental Features

Schmidt Alpine Currant has rich green deciduous foliage on a plant with a round habit of growth. The lobed leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Schmidt Alpine Currant is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Schmidt Alpine Currant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Schmidt Alpine Currant will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.