Icelandic™ Mockorange

Philadelphus coronarius 'Icezam'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A beautiful and versatile shrub featuring stunning variegated foliage and fragrant white flowers in late spring, color variegation tends to fade to yellow-green over the summer; not a profuse bloomer, use for foliage color; very adaptable and easy to grow



Icelandic Mockorange foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Icelandic Mockorange features showy clusters of fragrant white flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It has attractive dark green-variegated white foliage with hints of light green. The serrated oval leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color.



Icelandic Mockorange flowers
Photo courtesy of Lake County Nursery

Landscape Attributes

Icelandic Mockorange is a dense 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.

Icelandic Mockorange is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Icelandic Mockorange will grow to be about 5 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



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