Formosan Carpet Creeping Taiwan Bramble

Rubus rolfei 'Formosan Carpet'

Height: 6 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Crinkle-Leaf Creeper, Creeping Rubus

Description:

A densely branched, trailing groundcover which is hardy and can be grown in part shade as well as sunny locations; drought tolerant once established; perfect rambling over rocks, cascading over walls or out of containers

Ornamental Features

Formosan Carpet Creeping Taiwan Bramble is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features an abundance of magnificent gold berries in late summer. It has white flowers along the branches in mid summer. It has dark green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The crinkled lobed leaves turn burgundy in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Formosan Carpet Creeping Taiwan Bramble is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Formosan Carpet Creeping Taiwan Bramble is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Groundcover
- Container Planting



Formosan Carpet Creeping Taiwan Bramble
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Formosan Carpet Creeping Taiwan Bramble foliage
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Planting & Growing

Formosan Carpet Creeping Taiwan Bramble will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This is a self-pollinating variety, so it doesn't require a second plant nearby to set fruit.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Formosan Carpet Creeping Taiwan Bramble makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. 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.