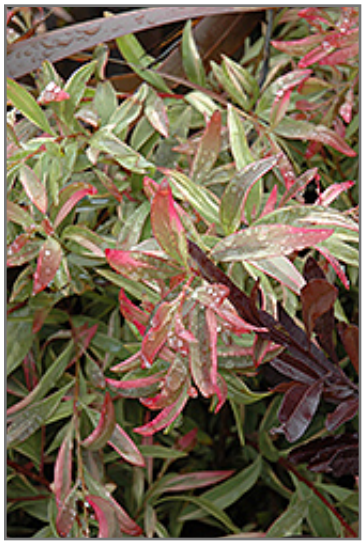
Gold Medal Hakea

Hakea salicifolia 'Gold Medal'



Gold Medal Hakea foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 9

Description:

An upright shrub that can be maintained as a small tree or hedge; pink emerging foliage matures to display beautiful tones of light green and butter yellow with a flush of rose; a beautiful color screen; loves sun and is drought tolerant once established

Ornamental Features

Gold Medal Hakea is primarily valued in the landscape for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive buttery yellow-variegated light green foliage with hints of rose which emerges pink in spring. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain light green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Gold Medal Hakea 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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Gold Medal Hakea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Gold Medal Hakea will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 8 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to dry locations, and dislikes excessive moisture. 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.

Gold Medal Hakea makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. 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.