Indian Mallow Bush

Bakeridesia integerrima



Indian Mallow Bush flowers
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Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: syn. Abutilon chitendenii

Description:

This indoor or outdoor variety produces sunny yellow flowers; lantern-like buds open to cup shaped blooms from late winter until early summer; green, heart shaped leaves are velvety and attractive

Ornamental Features

Indian Mallow Bush features bold yellow cup-shaped flowers along the branches from late winter to early summer. Its attractive heart-shaped leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Indian Mallow Bush is a multi-stemmed annual with a more or less rounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Indian Mallow Bush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Indian Mallow Bush will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant 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 species is not originally from North America.

Indian Mallow Bush is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.