# Blueleaf Honeysuckle

***Lonicera korolkowii***

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4



*Blueleaf Honeysuckle flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



*Blueleaf Honeysuckle in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Description:**

An uncommon honeysuckle whose main attribute is powdery blue leaves on arching sprays of branches, quite unique; also has subtle pink flowers and bright red berries in late summer; very adaptable but difficult to transplant; use for form and color

**Ornamental Features**

Blueleaf Honeysuckle is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features an abundance of magnificent red berries from mid summer to early fall. It has attractive powder blue deciduous foliage. The oval leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color. It features showy shell pink flowers with yellow anthers along the branches in mid spring, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds.

**Landscape Attributes**

Blueleaf Honeysuckle is an open multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting birds and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Blueleaf Honeysuckle is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

**Planting & Growing**

Blueleaf Honeysuckle will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, 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 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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.