Scrub Titi

Cyrilla arida



Scrub Titi flowers
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Height: 12 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Littleleaf Titi

Description:

A rare shub that, unlike other members of its species, prefers deep sterile sand and is suprisingly drought tolerant and hardy; lovely racemes of creamy white flowers in summer makes this an excellent landscape accent plant

Ornamental Features

Scrub Titi features showy racemes of white flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. It has green deciduous foliage. The tiny narrow leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Scrub Titi is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

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 is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Scrub Titi is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Scrub Titi will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 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 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.

Scrub Titi 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.