Variegated Creeping Mirror Bush

Coprosma kirkii 'Variegata'



Variegated Creeping Mirror Bush foliage
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Height: 14 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Variegated Looking Glass Plant

Description:

This stunning variety is a low woody groundcover densely covered in narrow, bluntly rounded, gray-green leaves with creamy margins; perfect for covering banks, spilling over walls or as filler in large containers

Ornamental Features

Variegated Creeping Mirror Bush has attractive grayish green foliage edged in creamy white on a plant with a spreading habit of growth. The small narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated Creeping Mirror Bush is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Variegated Creeping Mirror Bush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Variegated Creeping Mirror Bush will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Variegated Creeping Mirror Bush 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.