Pearl Frost Orixa

Orixa japonica 'Pearl Frost'

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

An upright, spreading shrub with glossy, highly aromatic green foliage that is edged and streaked with white; pale yellow tones emerge in fall; a showy luminous plant for shady gardens and borders; quite scorch resistant in full sun



Pearl Frost Orixa foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Pearl Frost Orixa has attractive white-variegated green foliage which emerges buttery yellow in spring on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The fragrant oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding yellow in the fall. The smooth tan bark and dark red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.



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Landscape Attributes

Pearl Frost Orixa is a multi-stemmed deciduous 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 can be pruned at anytime. 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.

Pearl Frost Orixa is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



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Planting & Growing

Pearl Frost Orixa will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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 performs well in both full sun and full 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Pearl Frost Orixa 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.