

Variegated Serissa

Serissa japonica 'Variegata'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 10 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Snowrose, Snowbush, syn. Serissa foetida

Description:

Very tiny, dense dark green foliage with a yellow or cream edge, covers this slow growing miniature variety; buds open to pretty white trumpet flowers; used extensively in bonsai or as a house plant; a lovely garden accent for a small area

Features & Attributes

Variegated Serissa features showy white trumpet-shaped flowers along the branches from early spring to late fall. Its attractive tiny glossy oval leaves remain dark green in color with distinctive creamy white edges and tinges of buttery yellow throughout the year.

This is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its extremely fine and delicate texture is quite ornamental and should be used to full effect. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.



Variegated Serissa flowers
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Variegated Serissa foliage
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Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Variegated Serissa can be expected to grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 inches. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It will benefit from a regular feeding with a general-purpose fertilizer with every second or third watering. It is not particular as to soil type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.

-- THIS IS A HOUSEPLANT AND IS NOT MEANT TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --