Marble Queen Mirror Bush

Coprosma repens 'Marble Queen'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Looking Glass Plant

Description:

This dwarf, variegated cultivar produces attractive green and white, glossy variegated leaves on a dense, compact habit; best in part sun and light shade, or full sun on the coast; fairly drought tolerant once established



Marble Queen Mirror Bush
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Ornamental Features

Marble Queen Mirror Bush has attractive white-variegated dark green foliage with hints of chartreuse which emerges chartreuse in spring on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The small glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. The smooth khaki (brownish-green) bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.



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Landscape Attributes

Marble Queen Mirror Bush is a multi-stemmed evergreen 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 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.

Marble Queen Mirror Bush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Marble Queen Mirror Bush will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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.

Marble Queen Mirror Bush makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants 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.



Marble Queen Mirror Bush foliage
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