Shiro-Beni Silky Wisteria

Wisteria brachybotrys 'Shiro-Beni'



Shiro-Beni Silky Wisteria flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 25 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Shiro Beni Silky Wisteria, Rehsonia brachybotrys

Description:

An elegant flowering vine, with exquisite chains of soft pink flowers that cascade from the stems in spring; can grow quite woody, needs ample support, best if grown on a structure; vulnerable to late spring frost damage to flower buds

Ornamental Features

Shiro-Beni Silky Wisteria is draped in stunning chains of fragrant shell pink pea-like flowers with a gold blotch hanging below the branches from mid to late spring. It has green deciduous foliage. The narrow pinnately compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Shiro-Beni Silky Wisteria is a multi-stemmed deciduous woody vine with a twining and trailing 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 high maintenance woody vine that will require regular care and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Shiro-Beni Silky Wisteria is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Shiro-Beni Silky Wisteria will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. As a climbing vine, it tends to be leggy near the base and should be underplanted with low-growing facer plants. It should be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This woody vine should only be grown in full sunlight. 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. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.

Shiro-Beni Silky Wisteria 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. 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.