Silver Star Sea Buckthorn

Hippophae rhamnoides 'Silver Star'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Russian Sandthorn

Description:

An excellent rounded, dwarf type; fine, silver foliage all season long; extremely tolerant of dry, alkaline soils; this is a male variety so it doesn't produce fruit but can be used as a pollinator for fruiting varieties

Ornamental Features

Silver Star Sea Buckthorn is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental globe-shaped form. It has attractive grayish green deciduous foliage which emerges silver in spring. The small narrow leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Silver Star Sea Buckthorn is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Silver Star Sea Buckthorn is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening



Silver Star Sea Buckthorn foliage
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Planting & Growing

Silver Star Sea Buckthorn will grow to be about 4 feet 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 50 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to dry locations, and dislikes excessive moisture. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for clay, alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.