Prostrate Gray Honey Myrtle

Melaleuca incana 'Prostrata'



Prostrate Gray Honey Myrtle
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

This is a low growing variety of Gray Honey Myrtle; its fine, gray needle-like foliage, gives it a soft appearance; long, arching branches are adorned with small, whitish-yellow bottlebrush flowers in spring and summer; very tough and drought tolerant

Ornamental Features

Prostrate Gray Honey Myrtle features showy buttery yellow catkins with white overtones along the branches from late spring to early summer. It has attractive grayish green evergreen foliage. The tiny needles are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Prostrate Gray Honey Myrtle is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Prostrate Gray Honey Myrtle is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Prostrate Gray Honey Myrtle will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils, 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.

Prostrate Gray Honey Myrtle 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.