Marmalade Bush

Streptosolen jamesonii

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: syn. Browalia jamesonii

Description:

A rambling shrub that will grow 15 feet if given support, but will otherwise reach 4 to 6 feet; presents a bountiful display of trumpet shaped flowers from spring to fall; blooms emerge yellow and mature to deep orange; best in frost free gardens



Marmalade Bush flowers
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Ornamental Features

Marmalade Bush is clothed in stunning clusters of orange trumpet-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from mid spring to mid fall, which emerge from distinctive yellow flower buds. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The textured oval leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.



Marmalade Bush in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Marmalade Bush is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance 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 bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Marmalade Bush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Marmalade Bush will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. 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 prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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. This species is not originally from North America.

Marmalade Bush makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used 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.



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