Fireball Red™ Photinia

Photinia 'Parbri'



Fireball Red Photinia foliage
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

Description:

An excellent choice for foundation plantings, this heat tolerant shrub features fire-red emerging foliage that matures to a glossy green; maintains a neat, compact habit with no need to prune; disease resistant

Ornamental Features

Fireball Red Photinia is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. The fruits are showy red pomes carried in abundance from late summer to late fall. It has attractive burgundy-variegated dark green foliage with hints of orange which emerges scarlet in spring. The small glossy narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. It is clothed in stunning panicles of white flowers with yellow anthers held atop the branches from mid spring to early summer.

Landscape Attributes

Fireball Red Photinia is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

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 birds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease

Fireball Red Photinia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Fireball Red Photinia will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. 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. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.