Tararua Hebe

Hebe evenosa

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Evenosa Hebe, Box-Leaved Hebe, Shrubby Veronica

Description:

An upright, rounded evergreen shrub with interesting, bright green, glossy oval foliage held tight to the stems; lovely white flowers in stunning contrast in summer; an excellent addition to the shrub border



Tararua Hebe foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Tararua Hebe has masses of beautiful clusters of white flowers rising above the foliage from early to mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. It has attractive green foliage with light green stripes and tinges of gray. The small glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.



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Landscape Attributes

Tararua Hebe is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Tararua Hebe is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Tararua Hebe will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.

Tararua Hebe makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use 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.