Kamniski Shrubby Milkwort

Polygala chamaebuxus 'Kamniski'



Kamniski Shrubby Milkwort flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Box-leaved Milkwort, Ground Milkwort

Description:

A lovely, vigorous, low spreading shrublet with evergreen boxwood-like foliage; vivid purple and yellow pea-like flowers in late winter; slow growing; a welcome burst of color early in the season

Ornamental Features

Kamniski Shrubby Milkwort features dainty clusters of fragrant purple pea-like flowers with yellow overtones at the ends of the branches from late winter to mid spring. It has attractive green evergreen foliage. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Kamniski Shrubby Milkwort is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Kamniski Shrubby Milkwort is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Kamniski Shrubby Milkwort will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow 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. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.