Prostrate Woolly Grevillea

Grevillea lanigera 'Prostrate'



Prostrate Woolly Grevillea flowers
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Height: 20 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Spider Flower

Description:

A hardy and adaptable shrub that will assume a low, spreading form; tolerates moderate frost and drought; features pink and cream, spidery flower clusters from winter to late spring; a wonderful groundcover that is attractive even when not in flower

Ornamental Features

Prostrate Woolly Grevillea features unusual clusters of pink spider-like flowers with creamy white overtones at the ends of the branches from mid winter to late spring, which emerge from distinctive scarlet flower buds. It has attractive dark green foliage with hints of silver. The small fuzzy narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Prostrate Woolly Grevillea 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 butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Prostrate Woolly Grevillea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Prostrate Woolly Grevillea will grow to be about 20 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. 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 20 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Prostrate Woolly Grevillea 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. 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.