Wilson's Grevillea

Grevillea wilsonii

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Description:

An adaptable shrub that develops an upright, dense form; grows well in most well drained soils; bright red spidery flower clusters emerge in winter to summer, and are good for cutting; prickly, needle-like foliage adds a great fine texture



Wilson's Grevillea flowers
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Wilson's Grevillea in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Wilson's Grevillea features showy clusters of red spider-like flowers at the ends of the branches from mid winter to early summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive green foliage with hints of silver. The tiny spiny needles are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter. The gray branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Wilson's Grevillea is an open multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

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 birds and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Wilson's Grevillea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use



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Planting & Growing

Wilson's Grevillea will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 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 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This species is not originally from North America.