Golden Tip Conebush

Leucadendron salignum 'Golden Tip'



Golden Tip Conebush
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Willow Cone Bush

Description:

This shrub from the Protea family has emerging foliage that is soft yellow in spring, before fading to gray-green with pinkish highlights; long lasting flower bracts are golden yellow; avoid phosphorous fertilizers; perfect for water conservation gardens

Ornamental Features

Golden Tip Conebush features showy yellow daisy flowers with gold overtones and creamy white tips at the ends of the branches in early spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive grayish green foliage with hints of rose which emerges buttery yellow in spring. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter. The coral-pink branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Tip Conebush is a 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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Golden Tip Conebush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Golden Tip Conebush will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for poor, alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Golden Tip Conebush 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.