Siskiyou Jade Silk Tassel Bush

Garrya elliptica 'Siskiyou Jade'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Coast Silk Tassel, Wavyleaf Silktassel

Description:

This variety is an upright, evergreen shrub with glossy, leathery, green oval leaves with wavy margins; selected for its superior disease resistance; gracefully draped ivory catkins appear in spring, and will persist on this bush through the summer

Ornamental Features

Siskiyou Jade Silk Tassel Bush has masses of beautiful chains of creamy white catkins with silver overtones hanging below the branches from late winter to early spring, which are most effective when planted in groupings. It has attractive dark green foliage with grayish green undersides. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Siskiyou Jade Silk Tassel Bush is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. 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.

Siskiyou Jade Silk Tassel Bush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Siskiyou Jade Silk Tassel Bush flowers
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Siskiyou Jade Silk Tassel Bush in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Siskiyou Jade Silk Tassel Bush will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 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 50 years or more.

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, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.