Golden Breath of Heaven

Coleonema pulchellum 'Aurea'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: form. Diosma pulchrum, Golden Diosma



Golden Breath of Heaven
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Description:

A regal display of small pink flowers over striking golden foliage, from mid-winter to spring, adding great interest to sunny or partly shaded borders; once established it is quite drought tolerant, wind resistant, and can withstand mild frost



Golden Breath of Heaven flowers
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Ornamental Features

Golden Breath of Heaven is bathed in stunning clusters of lightly-scented pink star-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from mid winter to mid spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive gold foliage with hints of chartreuse which emerges yellow in spring. The fragrant needles are highly ornamental and remain gold throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Breath of Heaven is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. 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. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Golden Breath of Heaven is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Golden Breath of Heaven will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 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. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.