Ginger Meggs Marmalade Bush

Streptosolen jamesonii 'Ginger Meggs'



Ginger Meggs Marmalade Bush flowers
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: syn. Browalia jamesonii

Description:

A rambling shrub that will grow 15 feet if given support, but will otherwise reach 4 to 6 feet; presents a bountiful display of trumpet shaped flowers from spring to fall; blooms emerge yellow and mature to deep orange-red; best in frost free gardens

Ornamental Features

Ginger Meggs Marmalade Bush is clothed in stunning clusters of gold trumpet-shaped flowers with orange overtones at the ends of the branches from mid spring to mid fall, which emerge from distinctive yellow flower buds. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The textured oval leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.



Ginger Meggs Marmalade Bush in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Ginger Meggs Marmalade Bush is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, 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, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Ginger Meggs Marmalade Bush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Ginger Meggs Marmalade Bush will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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 prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Ginger Meggs Marmalade Bush makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used 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.