Tokyo Serissa

Serissa japonica 'Tokyo'



Tokyo Serissa flowers
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Snowrose, Snowbush, syn. Serissa foetida

Description:

Very tiny, dark green foliage with cream edges covers this rounded, fine textured variety; pretty white trumpet flowers appear from spring to fall; used extensively in bonsai or as a house plant; a lovely garden accent for a small area

Ornamental Features

Tokyo Serissa features showy white trumpet-shaped flowers along the branches from early spring to mid fall. It has attractive dark green foliage edged in creamy white with hints of chartreuse. The tiny glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.



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Landscape Attributes

Tokyo Serissa is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. 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 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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Tokyo Serissa is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Tokyo Serissa 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 slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. 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 should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. 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 both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Tokyo Serissa 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.