Carousel Boronia

Boronia 'Carousel'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Boronia heterophylla x molloyae

Description:

A dense, vigorous upright shrub with aromatic, soft dark green needle-like foliage; pink, lightly fragrant, bell shaped flowers that age to deep red appear in mid-spring; tolerates light frost well; great for beds or containers

Ornamental Features

Carousel Boronia is bathed in stunning lightly-scented pink bell-shaped flowers along the branches from mid to late spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The small fragrant needles are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Carousel Boronia is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Carousel Boronia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Carousel Boronia flower buds
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Planting & Growing

Carousel Boronia will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 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 10 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. 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. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Carousel Boronia 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.