Mia's Wonder Coast Rosemary

Westringia 'Mia's Wonder'



Mia's Wonder Coast Rosemary foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Coastal Rosemary

Description:

An outstanding compact selection presenting whorls of small gray-green leaves; an eruption of white to pale pink flowers in spring, then sporadically until fall; great for borders, coastal gardens, or as a low hedge; can be sheared for a more formal look

Ornamental Features

Mia's Wonder Coast Rosemary is bathed in stunning clusters of white orchid-like flowers with shell pink overtones at the ends of the branches from mid spring to early fall. It has attractive grayish green foliage with white undersides. The small narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Mia's Wonder Coast Rosemary is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

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 butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mia's Wonder Coast Rosemary is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Mia's Wonder Coast Rosemary will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to dry locations, and dislikes excessive moisture. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Mia's Wonder Coast Rosemary 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.