Putah Creek Groundcover Myoporum

Myoporum parvifolium 'Putah Creek'



Putah Creek Groundcover Myoporum flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 inches

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Creeping Myoporum, Prostrate Myoporum

Description:

A fast growing, trailing cultivar presenting well branched stems, with slightly larger leaves; clusters of white, star shaped flowers cover the branch ends in late spring to summer; drought and seaside tolerant; prune for neatness after flowering

Ornamental Features

Putah Creek Groundcover Myoporum features showy clusters of white star-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from early to mid summer, which emerge from distinctive buttery yellow flower buds. It has green evergreen foliage. The narrow leaves remain green throughout the winter.



Putah Creek Groundcover Myoporum in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Putah Creek Groundcover Myoporum is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

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, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Putah Creek Groundcover Myoporum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Putah Creek Groundcover Myoporum will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Putah Creek Groundcover Myoporum makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. 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.