Silver Magic Kohuhu

Pittosporum tenuifolium 'Silver Magic'



Silver Magic Kohuhu foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Tawhiwhi

Description:

A bushy, compact evergreen shrub, featuring small, oval, gray-green glossy foliage, with creamy white margins that gradually turn pink; subtle, but very fragrant dark purple flower clusters in late spring; perfect as a hedge, or color accent in the garden

Ornamental Features

Silver Magic Kohuhu has attractive grayish green foliage edged in creamy white with hints of pink on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter. It features subtle clusters of fragrant deep purple flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early summer. The black branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Silver Magic Kohuhu is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Silver Magic Kohuhu is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Silver Magic Kohuhu will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. 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 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.