Grey Box™ Dwarf Coast Rosemary

Westringia fruticosa 'WES04'



Grey Box Dwarf Coast Rosemary flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Description:

An outstanding small shrub featuring soft, gray-green leaves arranged along gray-white stems; produces a flush of white flowers from late winter to spring, then sporadically all year; works well as a low hedge or garden accent plant

Ornamental Features

Grey Box Dwarf Coast Rosemary has masses of beautiful white star-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from late winter to mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. It has attractive grayish green evergreen foliage. The narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter. The white stems are very effective and add winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Grey Box Dwarf Coast Rosemary is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

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.

Grey Box Dwarf Coast Rosemary is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Grey Box Dwarf Coast Rosemary will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a slow 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Grey Box Dwarf Coast Rosemary 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.