White Sky Flower

Duranta erecta 'Alba'



White Sky Flower flowers
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Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Golden Dewdrop, Pigeon Berry

Description:

A beautiful large shrub or small tree producing clusters of showy white flowers in summer, followed by wonderful orange-yellow berries; can be maintained as a small accent tree; showy flowers and fruit makes this a noticeable addition to the landscape

Ornamental Features

White Sky Flower features showy clusters of white flowers with chartreuse eyes at the ends of the branches from early to late summer, which emerge from distinctive chartreuse flower buds. It features an abundance of magnificent yellow berries with orange overtones from mid summer to mid fall. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The serrated pointy leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

White Sky Flower is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

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

White Sky Flower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

White Sky Flower will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. 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, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.

White Sky Flower makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base 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.