Chrysalis™ Steel Blue Butterfly Bush

Buddleia 'Balchryeel'



Chrysalis Steel Blue Butterfly Bush flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 28 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Summer Lilac

Group/Class: Chrysalis Series

Description:

A compact selection bred for an abundance of silver-blue flowers in summer, over rich green foliage; attracts butterflies; may treat as a perennial and cut it back to the ground each spring as it regrows vigorously and blooms on new wood

Ornamental Features

Chrysalis Steel Blue Butterfly Bush features showy panicles of fragrant silvery blue flowers with lavender overtones and orange eyes at the ends of the branches from mid spring to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive forest green deciduous foliage which emerges light green in spring. The oval leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Chrysalis Steel Blue Butterfly Bush is an open multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. 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 is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds 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.

Chrysalis Steel Blue Butterfly Bush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Chrysalis Steel Blue Butterfly Bush will grow to be about 28 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. 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 or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Chrysalis Steel Blue Butterfly Bush makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. 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.