Notcutt's Variety Smokebush

Cotinus coggygria 'Notcutt's Variety'



Notcutt's Variety Smokebush flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Smoketree

Description:

An incredible color contrast plant for the garden with very deep velvet purple foliage all summer long, turning to brilliant fiery colors in fall; flowers and purple inflorescences produce a fuzzy, smoky appearance throughout summer, hence the name



Notcutt's Variety Smokebush in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Notcutt's Variety Smokebush features airy panicles of yellow flowers with fuchsia stalks at the ends of the branches from early to late summer. It has attractive burgundy deciduous foliage. The round leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding brick red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Notcutt's Variety Smokebush is a multi-stemmed deciduous 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Notcutt's Variety Smokebush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Notcutt's Variety Smokebush will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. 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.