Beesia

Beesia deltophylla

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 32 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

An outstanding foliage plant for the moist shade garden; very impressive as a mass planting, or as a single accent; foliage displays wonderful blueish-purple tones in fall and winter

Ornamental Features

Beesia features showy spikes of fragrant white flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer. Its attractive glossy heart-shaped leaves emerge green in spring, turning dark green in color. As an added bonus, the foliage turns a gorgeous plum purple in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Beesia is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Beesia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Groundcover



Beesia flowers
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Beesia foliage
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Planting & Growing

Beesia will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 32 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.



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