Aztec Pearl Mexican Mock Orange

Choisya 'Aztec Pearl'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Mockorange

Description:

A compact, rounded evergreen shrub with dark green compound foliage; clusters of white, fragrant flowers appear in spring and sometimes again in summer; good for hedging as well



Aztec Pearl Mexican Mock Orange in bloom
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Aztec Pearl Mexican Mock Orange flowers
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Ornamental Features

Aztec Pearl Mexican Mock Orange is smothered in stunning corymbs of fragrant white star-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to early fall, which emerge from distinctive shell pink flower buds. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The narrow compound leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Aztec Pearl Mexican Mock Orange is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded 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 should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Aztec Pearl Mexican Mock Orange is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Aztec Pearl Mexican Mock Orange will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.



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