Royal Carpet Privet Honeysuckle

Lonicera pileata 'Royal Carpet'



Royal Carpet Privet Honeysuckle foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

An excellent choice for a shrubby groundcover or as a hedge; produces subtle white flowers that appear in early summer with purple berries that follow; takes pruning very well

Ornamental Features

Royal Carpet Privet Honeysuckle has attractive dark green evergreen foliage on a plant with an arching habit of growth. The tiny glossy oval pinnately compound leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter. It features subtle creamy white trumpet-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches in mid spring. It produces purple berries from early to mid summer.

Landscape Attributes

Royal Carpet Privet Honeysuckle is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. 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. It is a good choice for attracting birds and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Royal Carpet Privet Honeysuckle is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Topiary

Planting & Growing

Royal Carpet Privet Honeysuckle will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

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 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.