Thick-leaved Mahoe

Melicytus crassifolius



Thick-leaved Mahoe foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

An intriguing shrub formed of crossing branches adorned with small, leathery leaves; forms a dense mound that makes a great groundcover

Ornamental Features

Thick-leaved Mahoe has dark green evergreen foliage on a plant with a round habit of growth. The tiny glossy narrow leaves remain dark green throughout the winter. It produces white berries from early to late fall.

Landscape Attributes

Thick-leaved Mahoe is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

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.

Thick-leaved Mahoe is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Thick-leaved Mahoe will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 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 10 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for xeriscaping or the moisture-conserving landscape. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.