Bushy Restio

Rhodocoma fruticosa



Bushy Restio
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

Upright growing, clump forming, arching grass-like plant with stems bearing tight whorls of branchlets of very fine foliage; a truly exotic presentation as a garden accent or along borders

Ornamental Features

Bushy Restio features showy spikes of brown flowers rising above the foliage in late spring. Its attractive threadlike leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Bushy Restio is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

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.

Bushy Restio is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Bushy Restio will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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.