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Butterfly Candy Li'l Raspberry Butterfly Bush

Butterfly Candy® Li'l Raspberry™ Butterfly Bush

Buddleia davidii 'BotEx 006'

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Other Names: Little Raspberry Butterfly Bush, Summer Lilac

Group/Class: Butterfly Candy Collection

Description:

This vigorous, super compact, heat loving selection will attract many butterflies to your garden; large spikes of fragrant, ruby red blooms appear from spring to fall; stunning as an accent specimen or in a mass planting; great for containers

Ornamental Features

Butterfly Candy Li'l Raspberry Butterfly Bush features showy panicles of fragrant ruby-red flowers with red overtones at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its narrow leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Butterfly Candy Li'l Raspberry Butterfly Bush is a multi-stemmed perennial with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Butterfly Candy Li'l Raspberry Butterfly Bush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Butterfly Candy Li'l Raspberry Butterfly Bush flowers
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Planting & Growing

Butterfly Candy Li'l Raspberry Butterfly Bush will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. Although it is technically a woody plant, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as a perennial in our climate if planted outdoors over the winter, usually regrowing from its base (crown) the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Butterfly Candy Li'l Raspberry Butterfly Bush is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.