Abelia, Suntastic Peach

Abelia x grandiflora 'Rhabpe22'



Abelia, Suntastic Peach foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Description:

This compact shrub displays colorful foliage with new growth emerging warm yellow and green, eventually turning to apricot as it matures; tidy, mounded habit and fragrant tubular white flowers in summer; great choice for borders, containers or low hedges

Ornamental Features

Abelia, Suntastic Peach features dainty clusters of lightly-scented white tubular flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to late summer. It has attractive peach-variegated green foliage which emerges yellow in spring. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter. The dark red stems are very effective and add winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Abelia, Suntastic Peach is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies 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.

Abelia, Suntastic Peach is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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Planting & Growing

Abelia, Suntastic Peach will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow 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. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Abelia, Suntastic Peach makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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 grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.