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Golden Dream Boxwood

Buxus microphylla 'Peergold'



Golden Dream Boxwood
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Littleleaf Box, Korean Boxwood

Description:

A spectacular variety with stunning tiny evergreen leaves that emerge yellow-green, then develop rich green centers and bright yellow edges, a guaranteed showstopper in the garden; slow growing, remains compact, takes pruning well

Ornamental Features

Golden Dream Boxwood is primarily valued in the garden for its interestingly mounded form. It has attractive forest green foliage edged in yellow which emerges chartreuse in spring. The tiny glossy round leaves are highly ornamental and remain forest green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Dream Boxwood is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting bees 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.



Golden Dream Boxwood foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Golden Dream Boxwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Topiary
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Golden Dream Boxwood will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 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 25 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. You may want to keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Golden Dream Boxwood makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. 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.