East Bay Nursery

Emerald Carpet Raspberry

Rubus calycinoides 'Emerald Carpet'



Emerald Carpet Raspberry
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Groundcover Raspberry, Oriental Raspberry

Description:

A unique, densely branched, trailing groundcover which is hardy and can be grown in shady as well as sunny locations; drought tolerant once established; perfect rambling over rocks, cascading over walls or out of containers



Emerald Carpet Raspberry foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Emerald Carpet Raspberry is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It features an abundance of magnificent gold berries in late summer. It has white flowers along the branches in mid summer. It has green evergreen foliage. The heart-shaped compound leaves turn burgundy in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Emerald Carpet Raspberry is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Emerald Carpet Raspberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Emerald Carpet Raspberry will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This is a self-pollinating variety, so it doesn't require a second plant nearby to set fruit.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Emerald Carpet Raspberry makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. 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.